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BIBLE TALES FOR YOUNG FOLK

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COMPORMS to the COMICS CODE

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT:
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN:
FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK:
FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS:
FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL:
FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART:
FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS:
FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE:
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE YE, WHEN MEN SHALL REVILE YOU, AND PERSECUTE YOU, AND SHALL SAY ALL MANNER OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY, FOR MY SAKE.

REJOICE, AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD:
FOR GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN:
FOR SO PERSECUTED THEY THE PROPHETS WHICH WERE BEFORE YOU.

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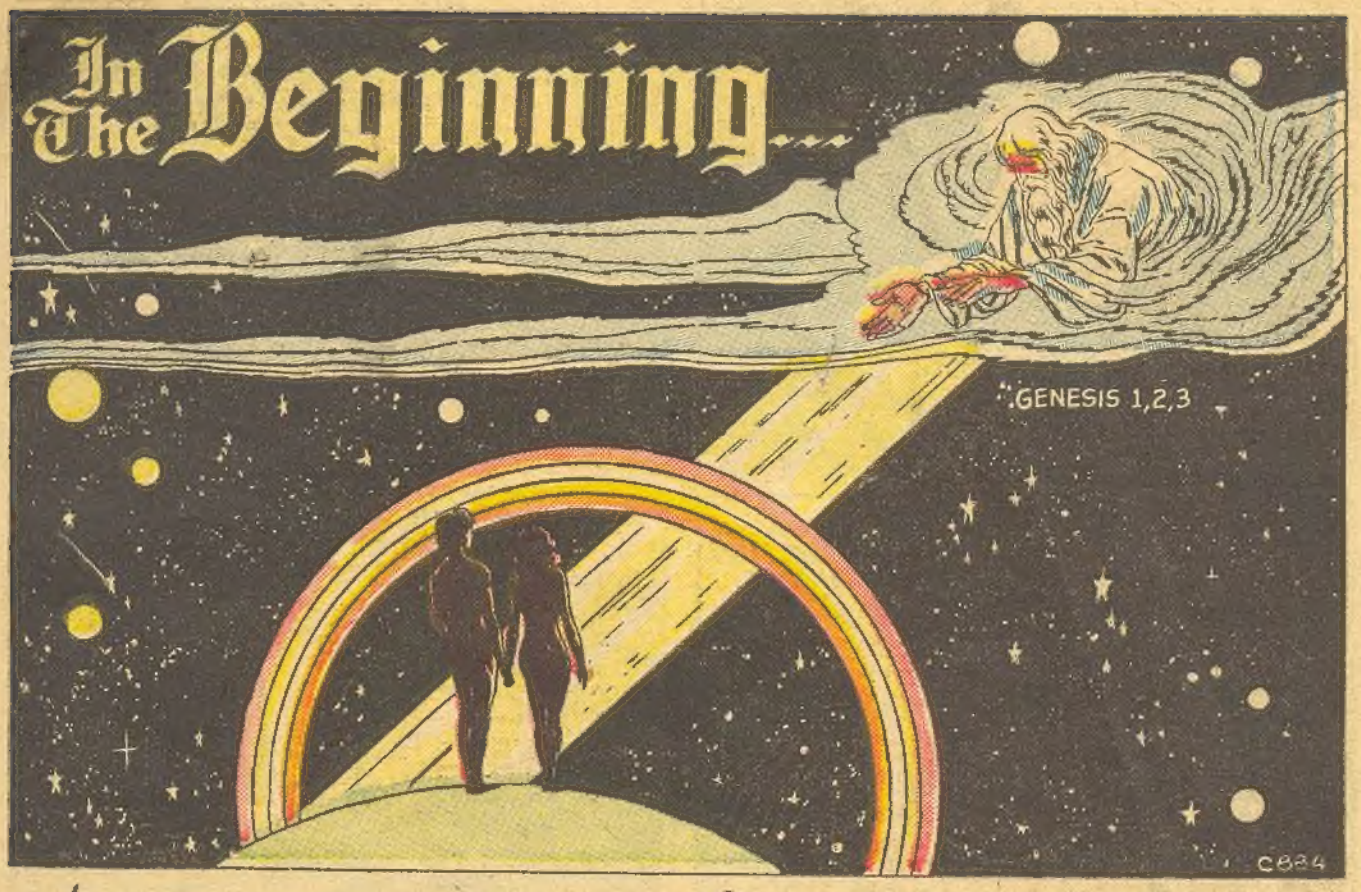
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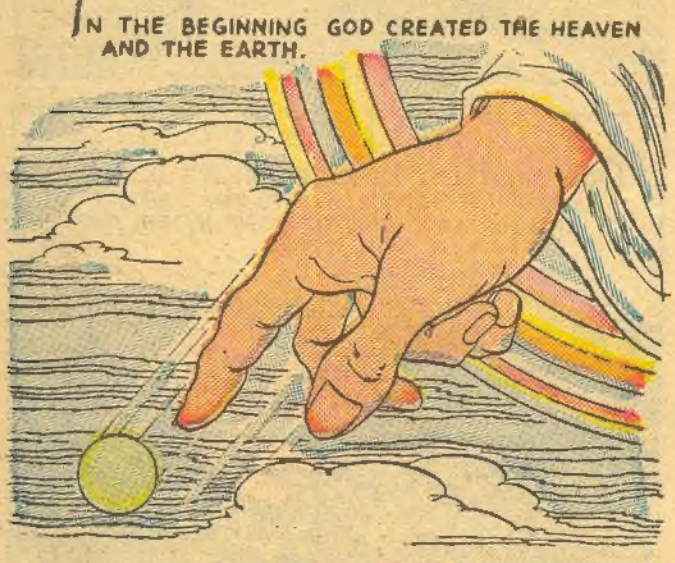
IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH.

BUT THE EARTH WAS BARREN AND DARKNESS WAS EVERYWHERE ...

THEN GOD SAID:
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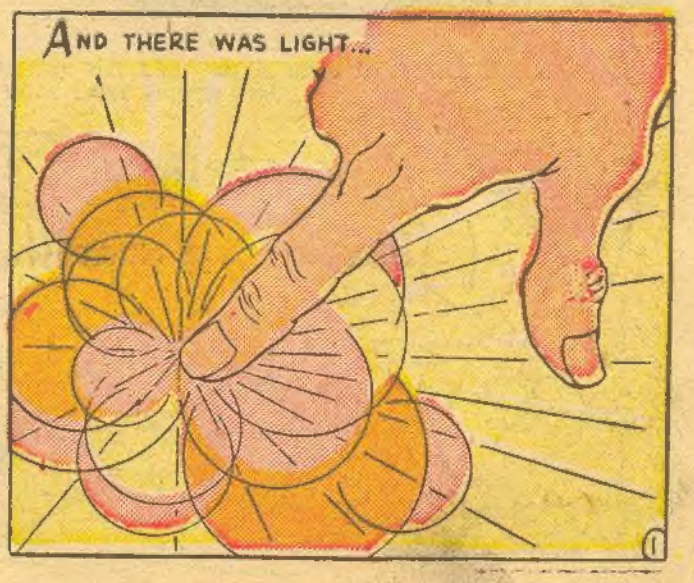

AND THERE WAS LIGHT...

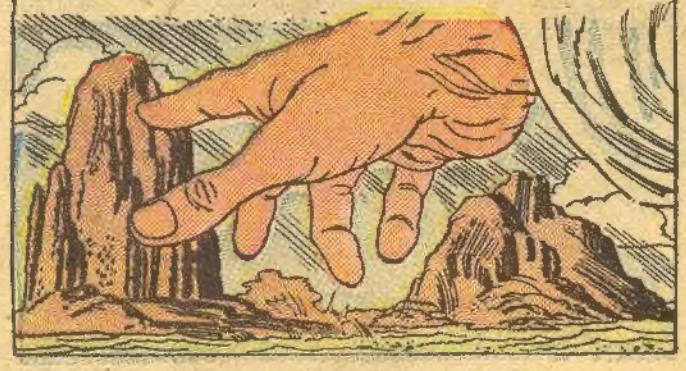
GOD CALLED THE LIGHT **DAY**, AND THE DARKNESS HE CALLED **NIGHT**. THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE *The First Day.*

The Second Day

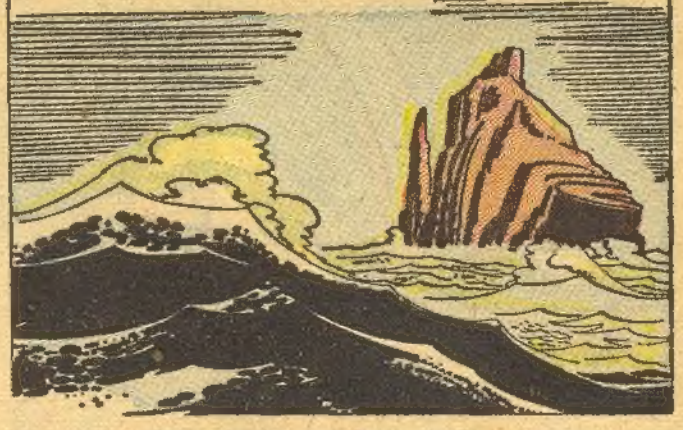
GOD SAID: "LET THERE BE A SKY, AND LET IT DIVIDE THE WATERS ABOVE FROM THE WATERS BELOW." HE CALLED THE SKY **HEAVEN**.

The Third Day

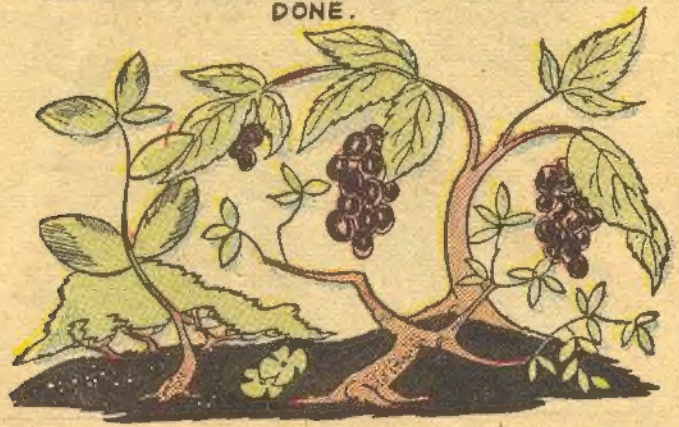
GOD SAID: "LET THE WATERS UNDER THE HEAVEN GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE, AND LET THE DRY LAND APPEAR."



GOD CALLED THE DRY LAND **EARTH**, AND THE WATERS HE CALLED **SEAS**.

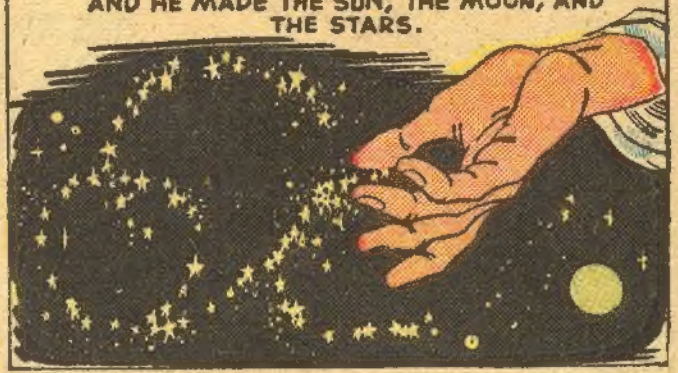


THEN GOD SAID: "LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH GRASS AND SEED AND FRUIT." AND IT WAS DONE.



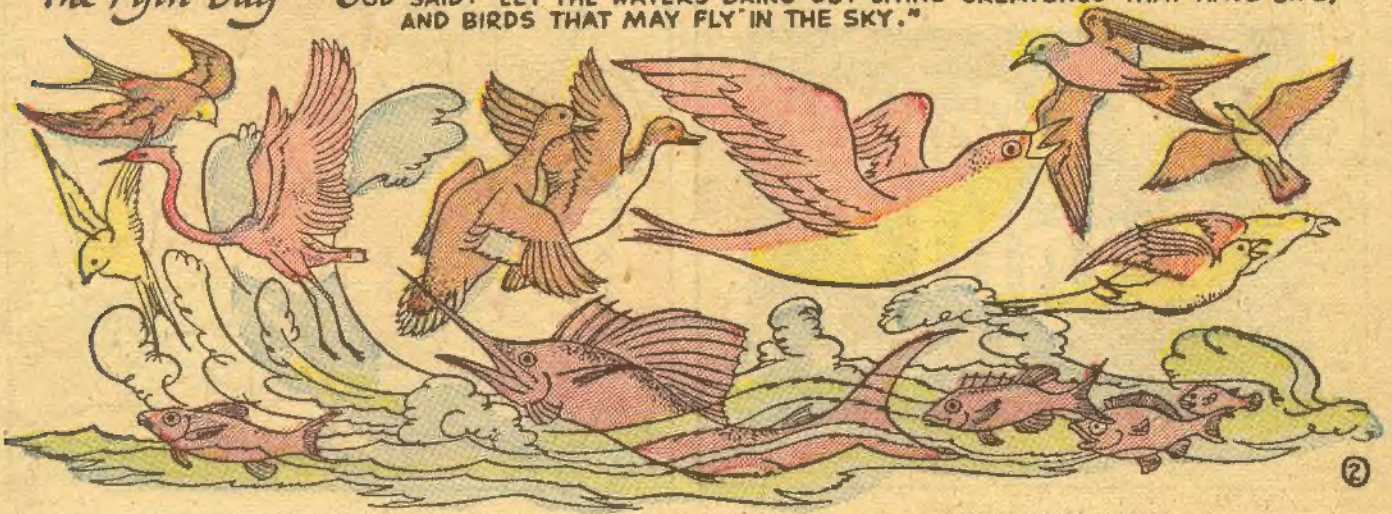
The Fourth Day

GOD SAID: "LET THERE BE LIGHTS IN THE HEAVEN TO GIVE LIGHT TO THE EARTH." AND HE MADE THE SUN, THE MOON, AND THE STARS.



The Fifth Day

GOD SAID: "LET THE WATERS BRING OUT LIVING CREATURES THAT HAVE LIFE, AND BIRDS THAT MAY FLY IN THE SKY."



The Sixth Day

GOD SAID: "LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH LIVING CREATURES... CATTLE AND CREEPING THINGS... AND THE BEASTS OF THE EARTH."

THEN GOD SAID: "LET US MAKE **MAN** IN OUR IMAGE, AND LET HIM HAVE POWER OVER THE FISH IN THE SEA, OVER THE BIRDS OF THE AIR, OVER THE CATTLE, AND OVER EVERYTHING THAT CREEPS UPON THE EARTH." SO HE BROUGHT DUST FROM THE EARTH...

AND FROM THE DUST GOD CREATED ADAM THE FIRST MAN...

THEN GOD SAW THAT MAN NEEDED A HELPMATE, SO HE CREATED EVE THE FIRST WOMAN.

GOD BLESSED ADAM AND EVE, AND GAVE THEM THE FRUITS AND CREATURES HE HAD CREATED

SO THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WERE CREATED, AND ALL THE LIVING THINGS.

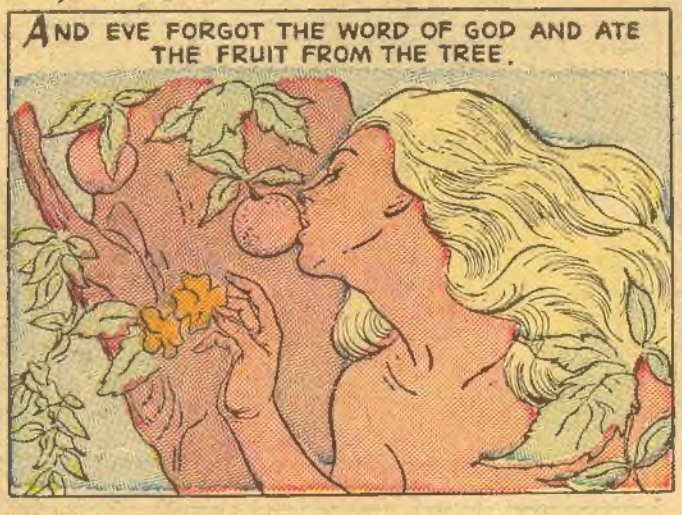
The Seventh Day

GOD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK, AND HE BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY, AND MADE IT HOLY AND A DAY OF REST.

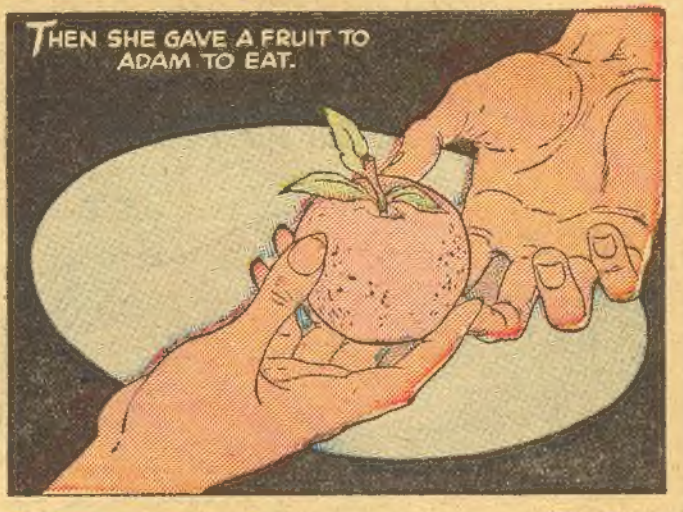
NOW GOD BROUGHT ADAM AND EVE TO THE GARDEN OF EDEN AND SAID: "YOU MAY EAT OF THE FRUITS OF ALL THE TREES EXCEPT THIS ONE. YOU SHALL NOT EAT OF IT OR TOUCH IT, FOR THIS IS THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL."

BUT A SERPENT APPEARED AND SAID TO EVE: "EAT THE FRUIT OF THE FORBIDDEN TREE, FOR THEN YOUR EYES SHALL BE OPEN AND YOU WILL BE AS WISE AS GODS."

AND EVE FORGOT THE WORD OF GOD AND ATE THE FRUIT FROM THE TREE.



THEN SHE GAVE A FRUIT TO ADAM TO EAT.



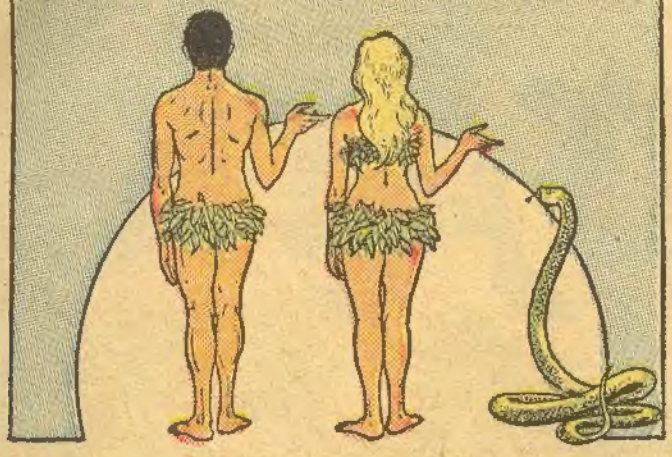
AND SO THEIR EYES WERE OPEN, BUT THEY WERE ASHAMED OF WHAT THEY HAD DONE.

BECAUSE THEY WERE ASHAMED, THEY MADE CLOTHES OF LEAVES TO COVER THEMSELVES.

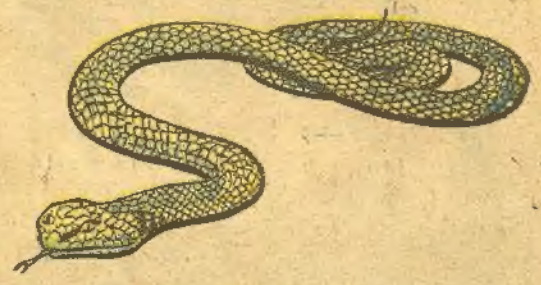
THEN THEY HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD GOD AND THEY HID THEMSELVES AMONG THE TREES OF THE GARDEN.

BUT THE LORD GOD CALLED ADAM, SAYING: "WHERE ART THOU?" AND ADAM SAID: "I WAS AFRAID BECAUSE I WAS NAKED, AND I HID MYSELF." GOD SAID: "WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE NAKED? HAVE YOU EATEN OF THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT?"

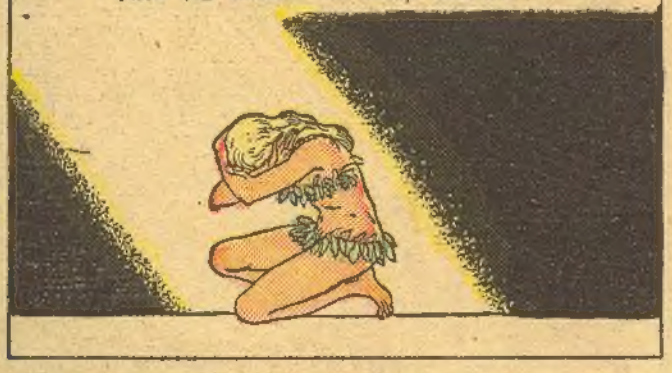
ADAM BLAMED EVE AND EVE BLAMED THE SERPENT.



AND THE LORD GOD SAID TO THE SERPENT: "BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE THIS, YOU ARE CURSED ABOVE EVERY BEAST. YOU SHALL CRAWL ON YOUR BELLY AND EAT DUST ALL YOUR LIFE. THE WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN SHALL BE THE ENEMIES OF YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN. THEY SHALL BRUISE YOUR HEAD AND YOU SHALL BRUISE THEIR HEEL."



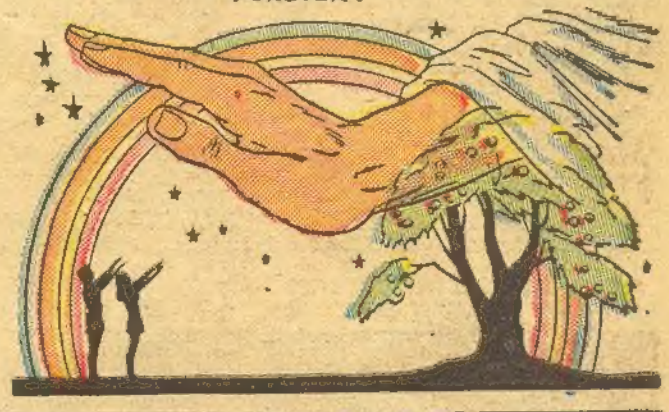
TO THE WOMAN, GOD SAID: "YOUR SUFFERING WILL BE MULTIPLIED. YOU SHALL BRING FORTH YOUR CHILDREN IN SORROW, AND YOU SHALL LOOK TO YOUR HUSBAND FOR YOUR HAPPINESS, AND HE SHALL BE YOUR RULER."



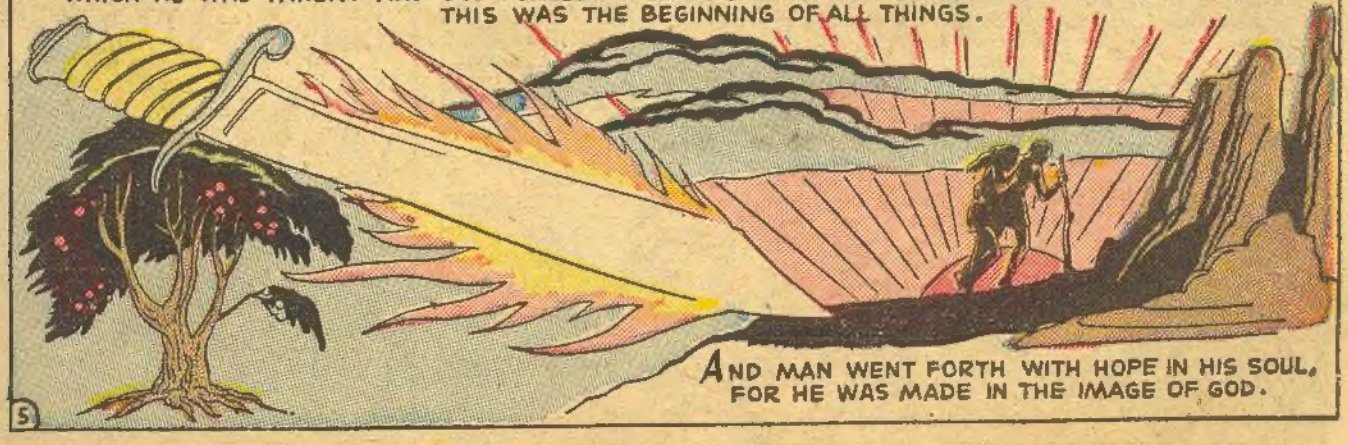
TO ADAM HE SAID: "THE GROUND WILL BE CURSED FOR YOU. YOU SHALL EAT OF IT IN SORROW ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. THORNS AND THISTLES WILL COME OUT OF IT FOR YOU, AND YOU WILL EAT THE WILD HERBS OF THE FIELD. YOU WILL EARN YOUR BREAD BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR BROW UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE EARTH OUT OF WHICH YOU CAME."

THEN THE LORD GOD MADE COATS OF SKIN FOR ADAM AND HIS WIFE, AND DRESSED THEM.

AND GOD SAID: "NOW MAN IS AS ONE OF US, AND KNOWS GOOD AND EVIL. THEREFORE I CANNOT HAVE HIM TOUCH THE TREE OF LIFE AND LIVE FOREVER."



THEREFORE THE LORD GOD SENT ADAM OUT OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN, TO TILL THE GROUND FROM WHICH HE WAS TAKEN. AND GOD PLACED A FLAMING SWORD TO GUARD THE TREE OF LIFE. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF ALL THINGS.



AND MAN WENT FORTH WITH HOPE IN HIS SOUL, FOR HE WAS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD.

Noah's Ark

THE STORY OF THE FLOOD

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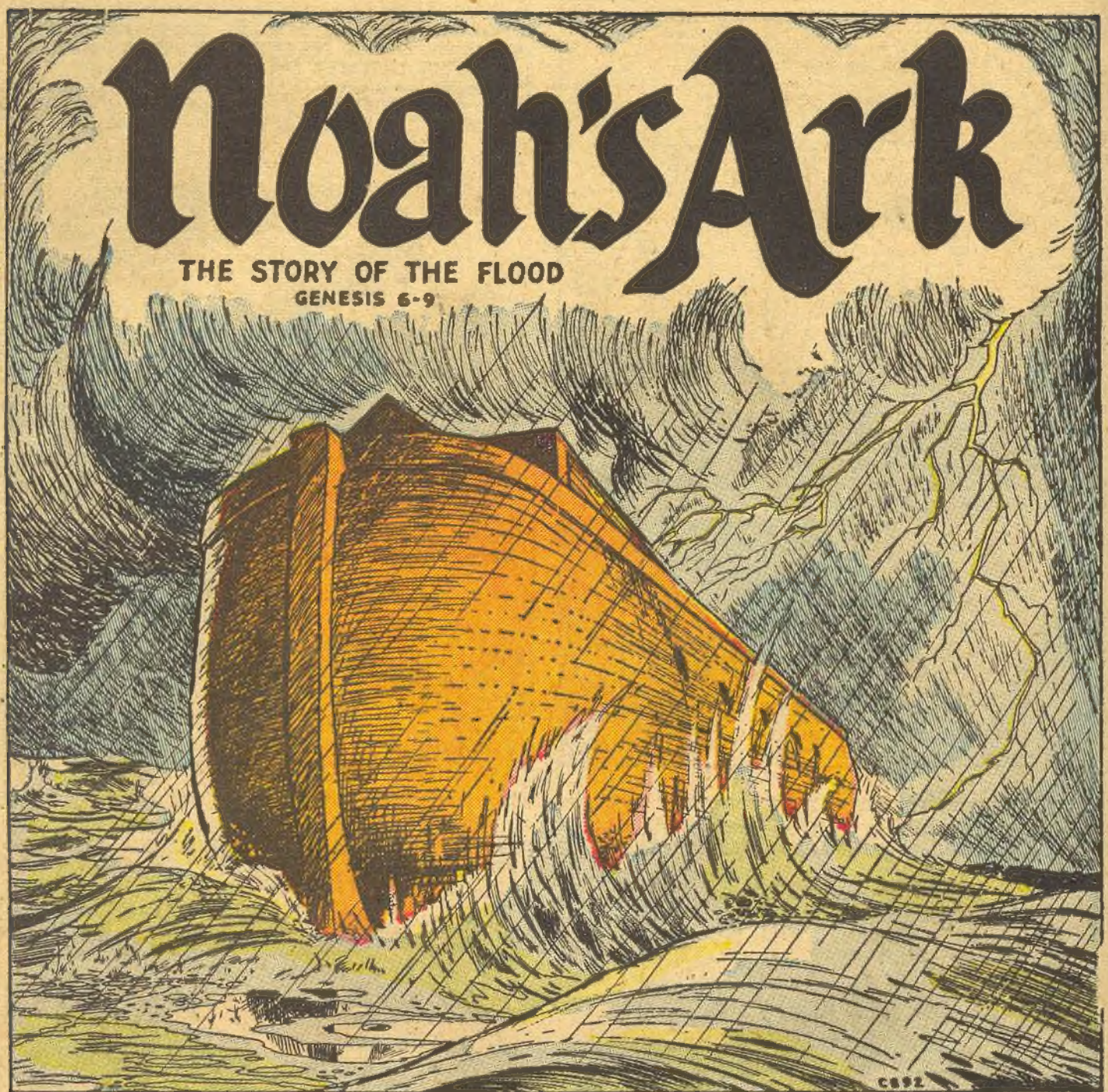

MEN BEGAN TO POPULATE THE EARTH AND THEY BUILT GREAT CITIES...

BUT MAN TURNED FROM THE WAY OF GOD AND BECAME SELFISH AND BAD...

GOD SAW THAT THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT, AND THAT THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART WERE EVIL...

ONLY ONE MAN, NOAH, AND HIS FAMILY LISTENED TO THE WORD OF GOD...

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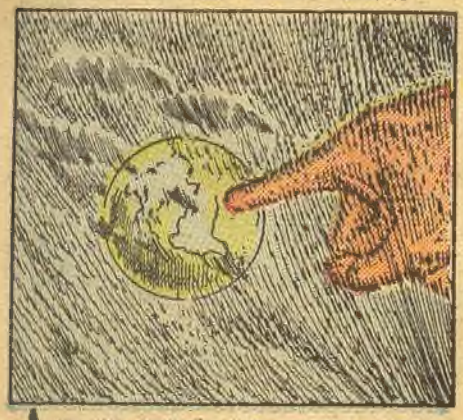
NOW GOD REGRETTED THAT HE HAD MADE MAN AND HE SAID: "I WILL DESTROY MAN FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH."

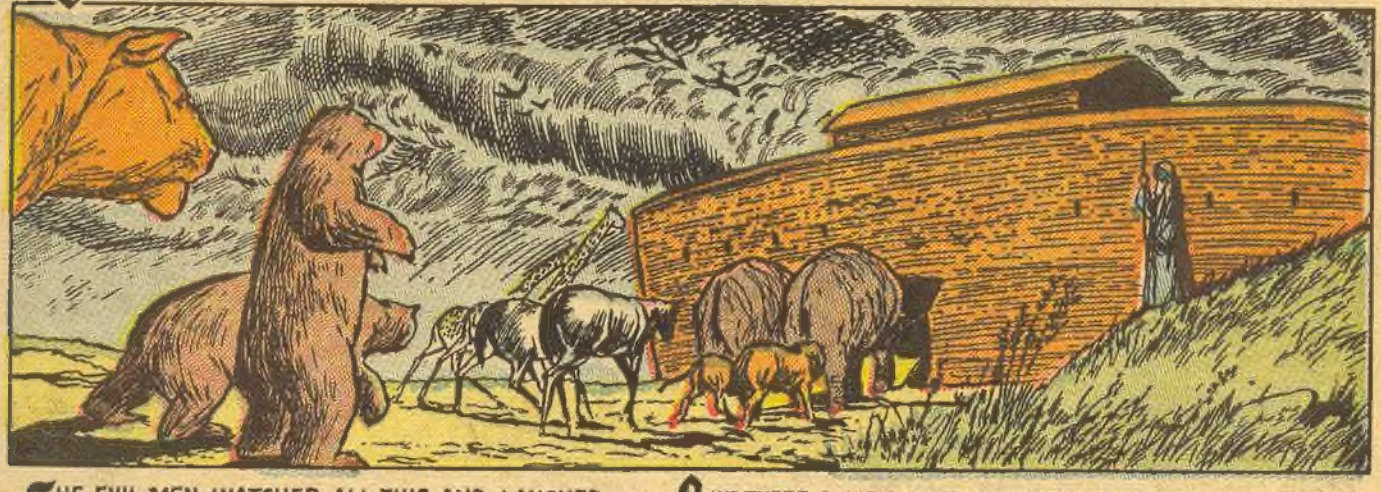


NOAH WAS A JUST MAN AND LIVED BY GOD'S RULES, SO GOD SAID TO HIM: "I WILL DESTROY ALL LIVING THINGS ON THE EARTH, FOR THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH EVIL BECAUSE OF THEM."

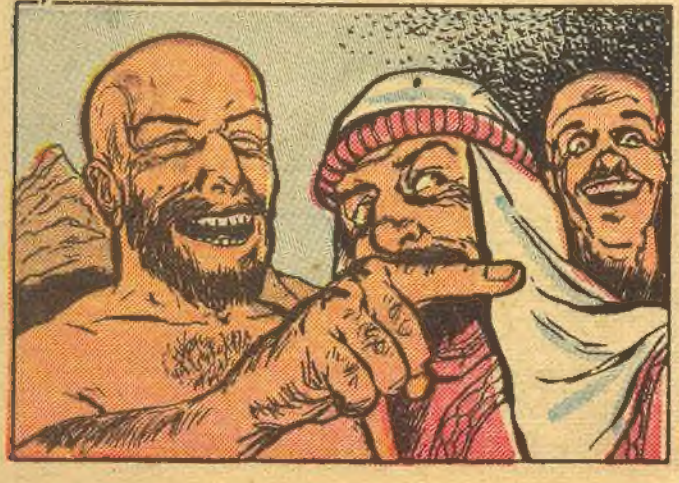
AND GOD SAID: "MAKE AN ARK, NOAH, ACCORDING TO MY COMMANDS."

THEN GOD SAID: "YOU SHALL COME INTO THE ARK WITH YOUR WIFE, YOUR SONS, AND THEIR WIVES..."

GOD SAID: "BRING WITH YOU TWO OF EVERY LIVING THING, MALE AND FEMALE."



THE EVIL MEN WATCHED ALL THIS AND LAUGHED...



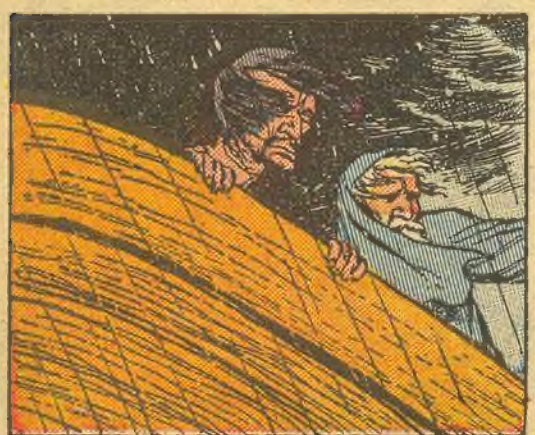
BUT THERE CAME A GREAT DARKNESS AS THE HEAVENS CLOUDED...

THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED AND THE GREAT RAINS FELL UPON THE EARTH.

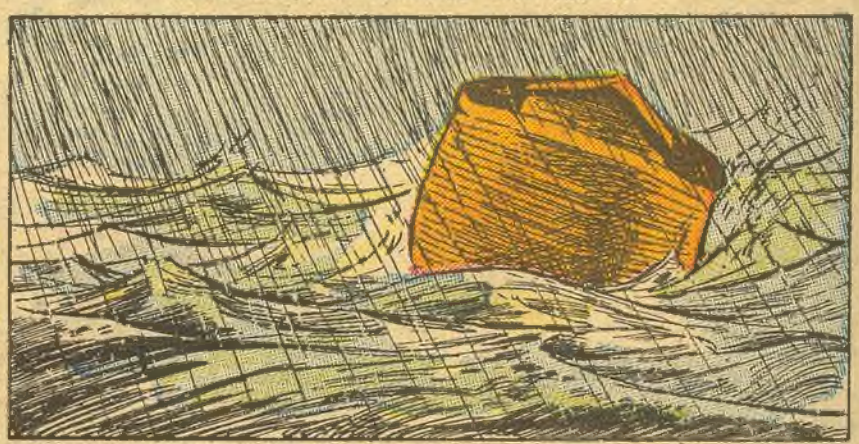
IT RAINED FOR FORTY DAYS...

AND FORTY NIGHTS. EVERY LIVING THING UPON THE EARTH WAS DESTROYED.

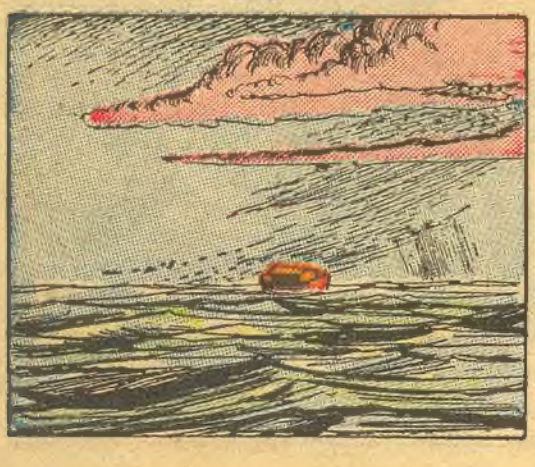
ONLY THOSE WHO WERE IN THE ARK LIVED THROUGH THE FLOOD.



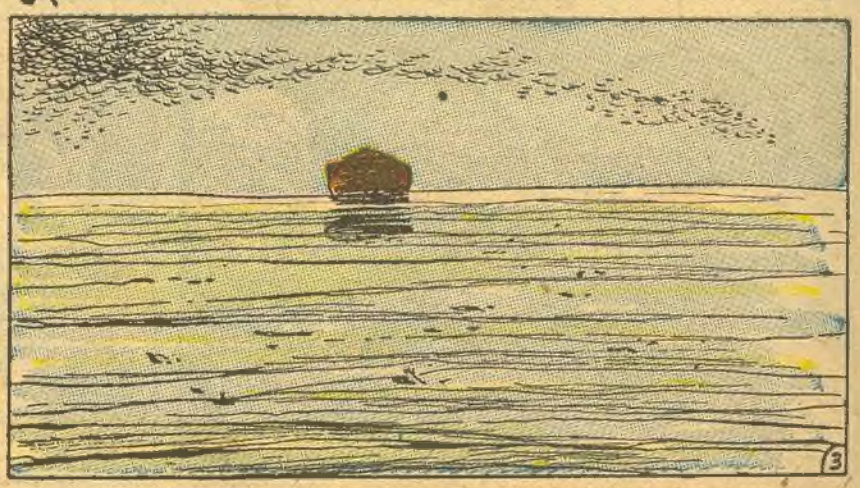
THE REST OF THE EARTH, FROM THE VALLEYS TO THE HIGHEST MOUNTAINS, WAS COVERED WITH WATER.



THEN GOD REMEMBERED NOAH, AND HE CAUSED A GREAT WIND TO PASS OVER THE EARTH.



AND SO THE WATERS BEGAN TO RECEDE AND THE RAIN STOPPED.



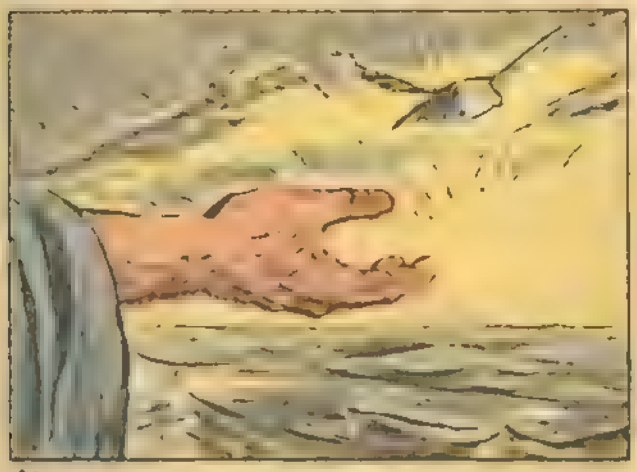
THE WATERS WENT DOWN FOR A HUNDRED AND FIFTY DAYS...

ON THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH, THE ARK RESTED ON MOUNT ARARAT.

NOAH SENT OUT A DOVE TO SEE IF THE WATERS WERE ABATED...

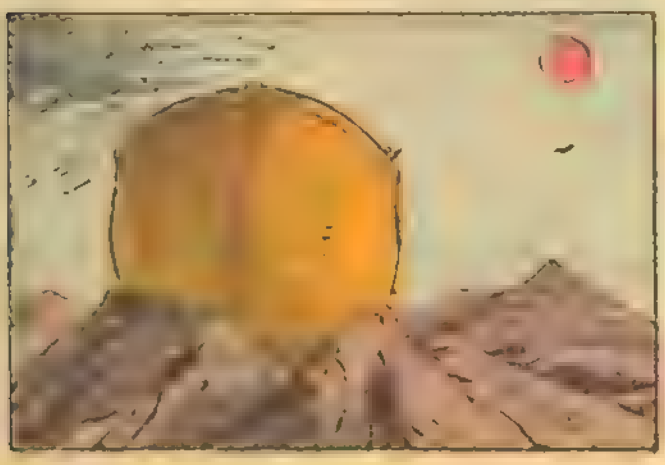
BUT THE WATERS STILL COVERED THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND THE DOVE RETURNED TO THE ARK.

AFTER SEVEN DAYS, ONCE AGAIN HE SENT OUT THE DOVE.



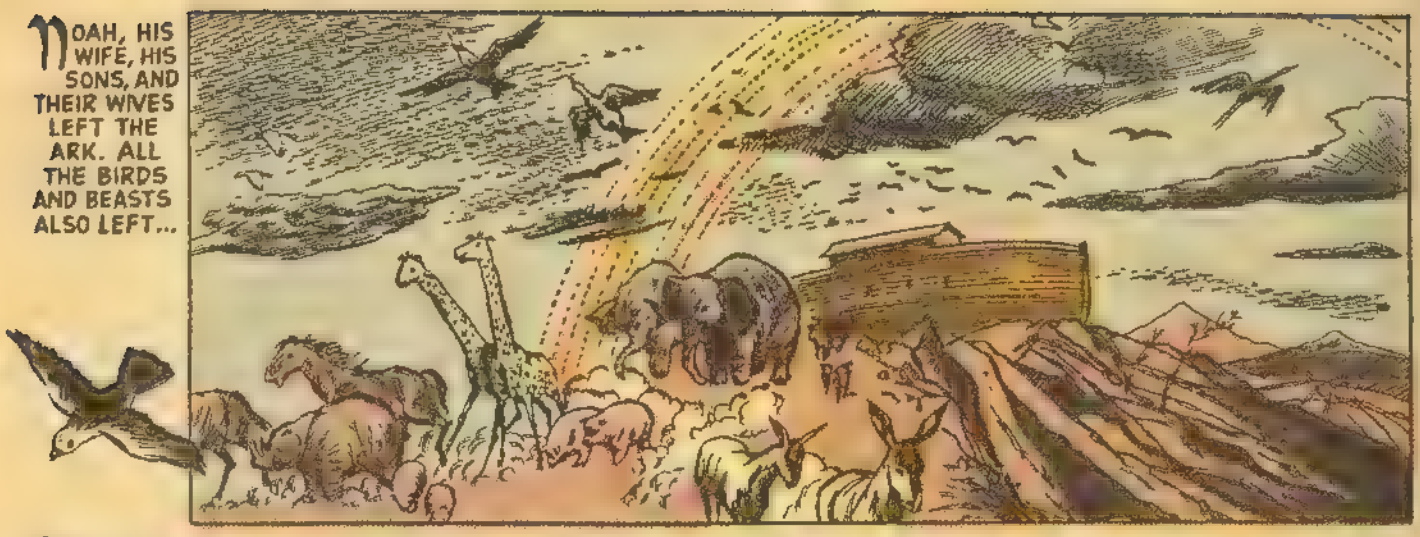
AND THIS TIME IT RETURNED WITH A GREEN OLIVE LEAF IN ITS MOUTH.

NOAH WAITED SEVEN MORE DAYS, AND ONCE MORE HE SENT OUT THE DOVE. THIS TIME, IT DID NOT RETURN.

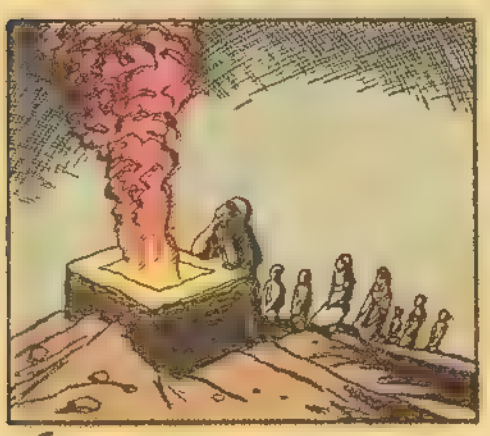


THEN GOD SAID: "GO OUT OF THE ARK AND TAKE EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT IS WITH YOU."

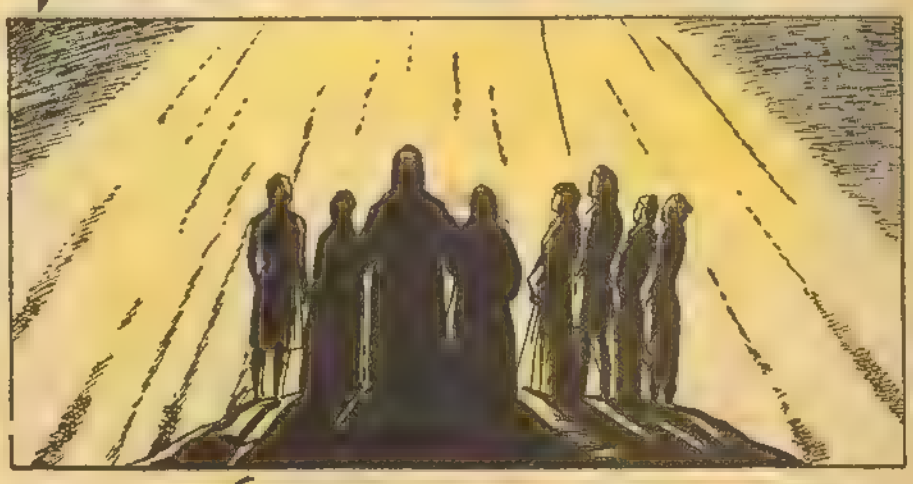
NOAH, HIS WIFE, HIS SONS, AND THEIR WIVES LEFT THE ARK. ALL THE BIRDS AND BEASTS ALSO LEFT...



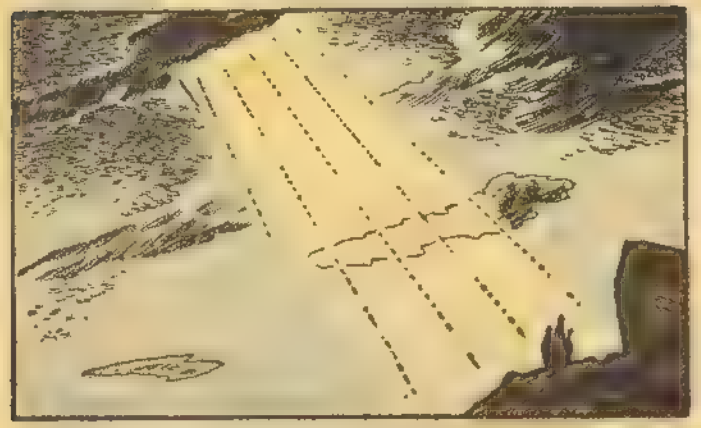
AND NOAH BUILT AN ALTAR TO THE LORD, OFFERING UP BURNT OFFERINGS IN THANKS.



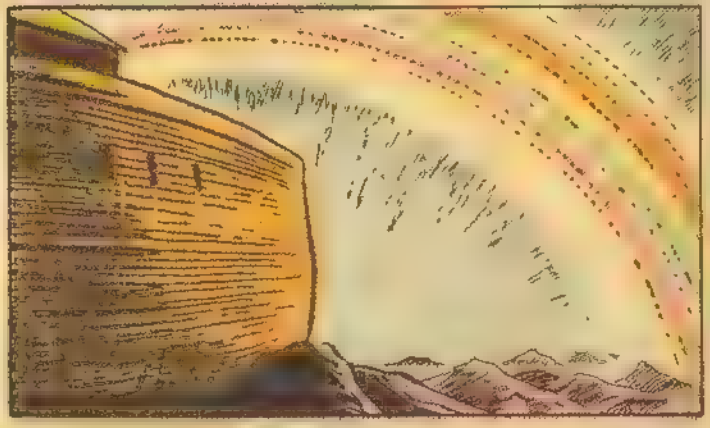
THE LORD SAW THIS AND WAS PLEASED WITH NOAH AND HIS PEOPLE...



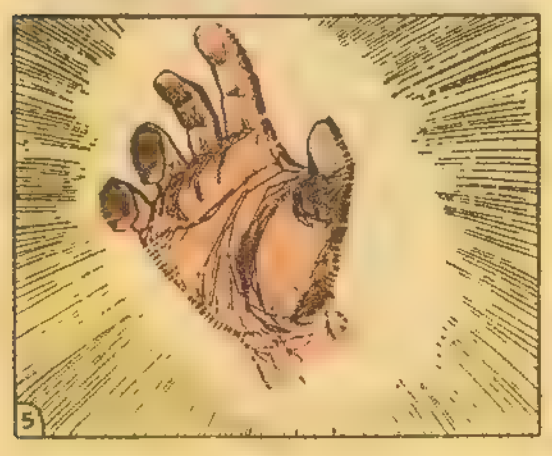
GOD SAID TO NOAH: "NEVER AGAIN WILL ALL FLESH BE CUT OFF BY THE WATERS OF A FLOOD, NOR WILL A FLOOD DESTROY THE EARTH."



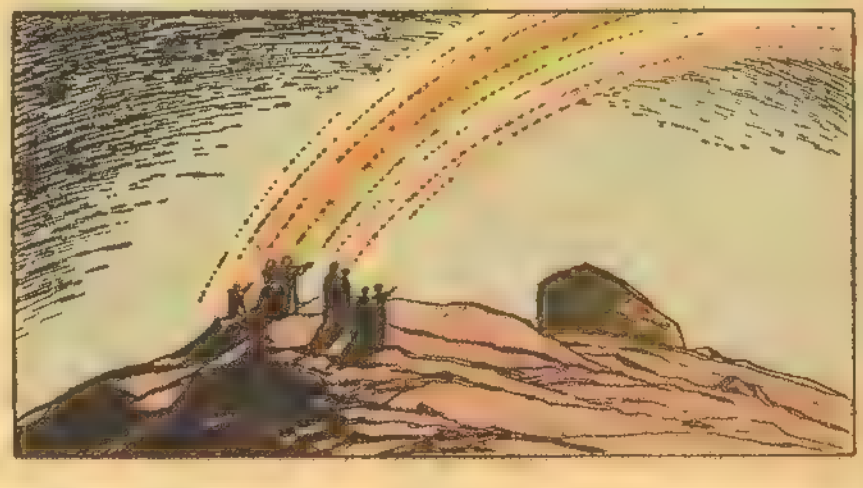
GOD SAID: "THIS IS THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT BETWEEN YOU AND ME AND EVERY CREATURE WITH YOU FOR ALWAYS... I SET MY RAINBOW IN THE CLOUD."



THEN GOD SAID: "WHENEVER I BRING A CLOUD OVER THE EARTH, THE RAINBOW SHALL BE SEEN IN THE CLOUD."



AND THUS WE KNOW, BY THE SIGN OF THE RAINBOW, THAT A FLOOD WILL NO LONGER DESTROY ALL LIVING FLESH.



The Proverbs

SOME PROVERBS OF SOLOMON, SON OF DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL.

TO KNOW WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION; TO PERCEIVE THE WORDS OF UNDERSTANDING;

TO RECEIVE THE INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM, JUSTICE, AND JUDGMENT, AND EQUITY;

TO GIVE SUBTILTY TO THE SIMPLE, TO THE YOUNG MAN KNOWLEDGE AND DISCRETION.

A WISE MAN WILL HEAR, AND WILL INCREASE LEARNING; AND A MAN OF UNDERSTANDING SHALL ATTAIN UNTO WISE COUNSELS:

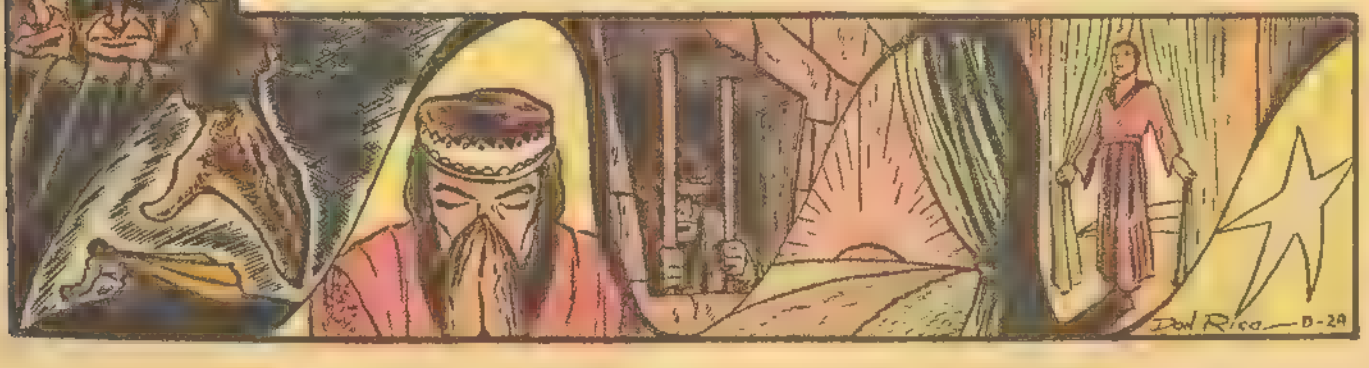
TO UNDERSTAND A PROVERB, AND THE INTERPRETATION; THE WORDS OF THE WISE, AND THEIR DARK SAYINGS.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE: BUT FOOLS DESPISE WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION.

MY SON, HEAR THE INSTRUCTION OF THY FATHER, AND FORSAKE NOT THE LAW OF THY MOTHER:
FOR THEY SHALL BE AN ORNAMENT OF GRACE UNTO THY HEAD, AND CHAINS ABOUT THY NECK.

MY SON, IF SINNERS ENTICE THEE, CONSENT THOU NOT.
IF THEY SAY, COME WITH US, LET US LAY WAIT FOR BLOOD, LET US LURK PRIVILY FOR THE INNOCENT WITHOUT CAUSE:
LET US SWALLOW THEM UP ALIVE AS THE GRAVE; AND WHOLE, AS THOSE THAT GO DOWN INTO THE PIT:
WE SHALL FIND ALL PRECIOUS SUBSTANCE, WE SHALL FILL OUR HOUSES WITH SPOIL:
CAST IN THY LOT AMONG US; LET US ALL HAVE ONE PURSE:
MY SON, WALK NOT THOU IN THE WAY WITH THEM; REFRAIN THY FOOT FROM THEIR PATH:
FOR THEIR FEET RUN TO EVIL, AND MAKE HASTE TO SHED BLOOD.
SURELY IN VAIN THE NET IS SPREAD IN THE SIGHT OF ANY BIRD.
AND THEY LAY WAIT FOR THEIR OWN BLOOD; THEY LURK PRIVILY FOR THEIR OWN LIVES.
SO ARE THE WAYS OF EVERY ONE THAT IS GREEDY OF GAIN; WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE LIFE OF THE OWNERS THEREOF.

THE PROVERBS 1, 1-19

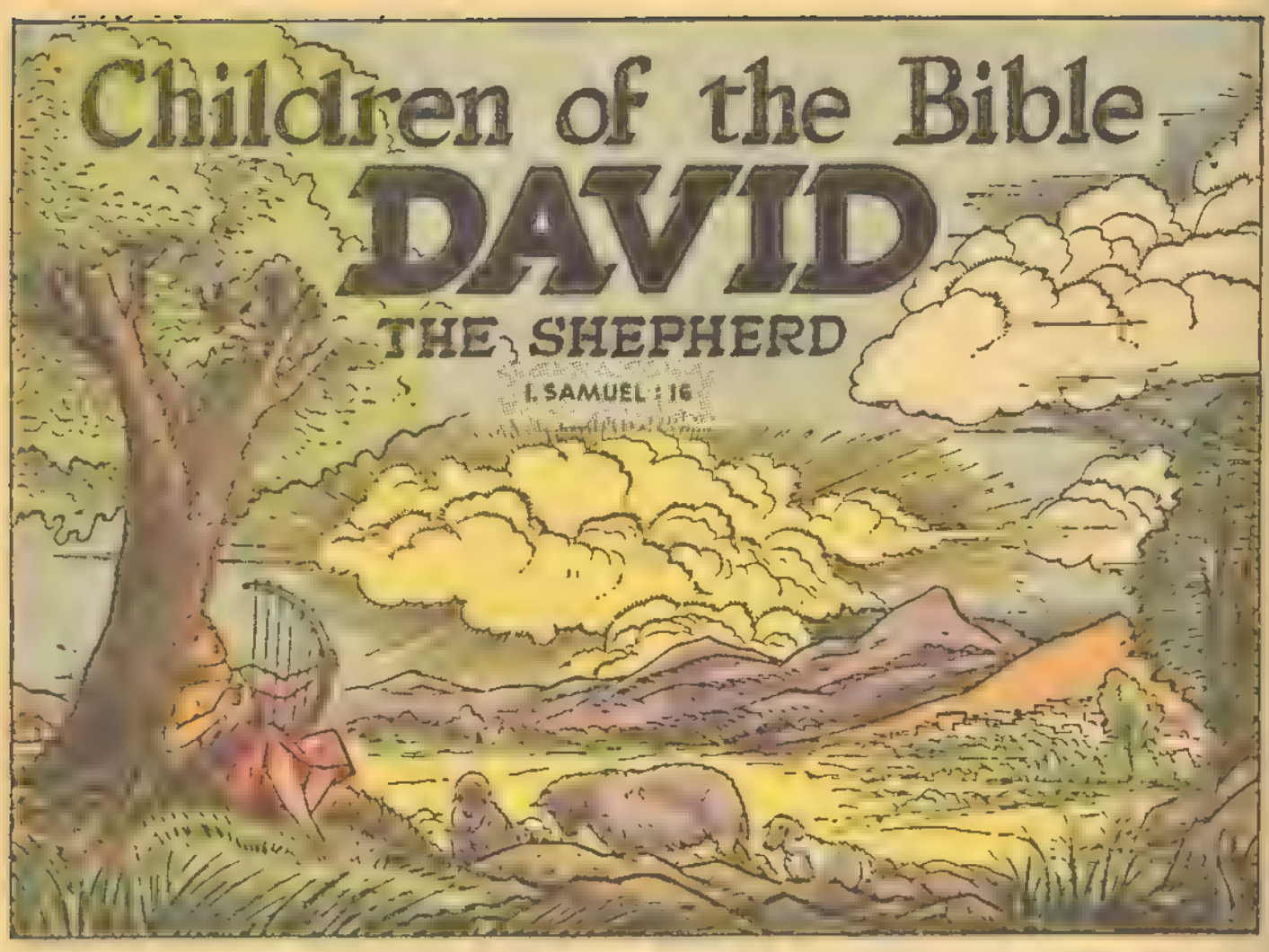


Children of the Bible

DAVID

THE SHEPHERD

I. SAMUEL : 16



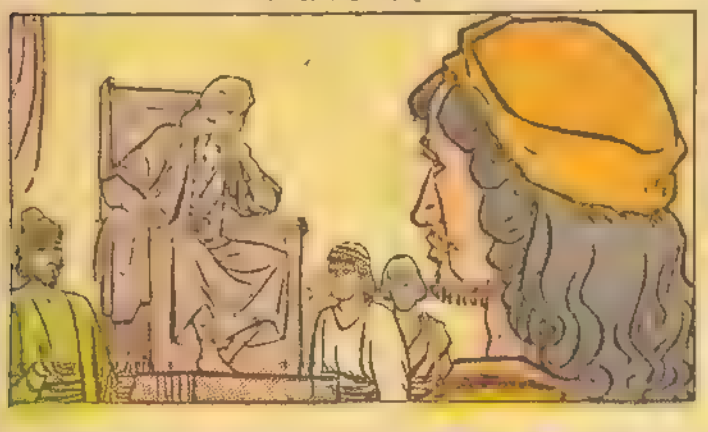
THE LORD TOLD SAMUEL TO GO TO BETHLEHEM TO CHOOSE A KING FROM AMONG THE SONS OF JESSE...

WHEN SAMUEL ARRIVED IN BETHLEHEM, THE ELDERS OF THE TOWN ASKED HIM: "DO YOU COME IN PEACE?"

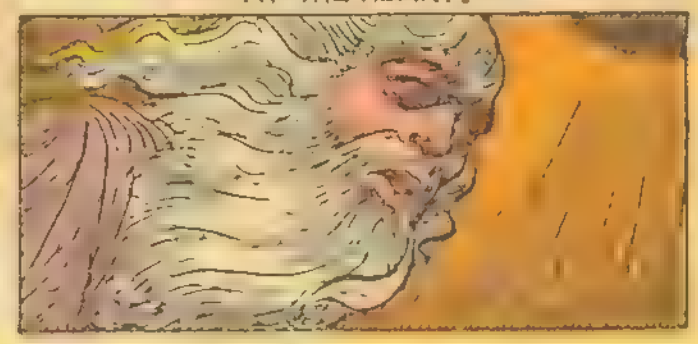
"IN PEACE," SAID SAMUEL! "I COME TO SACRIFICE TO THE LORD. MAKE YOURSELVES READY AND COME WITH ME."

AND AMONG THOSE WHO CAME WERE JESSE AND HIS SEVEN SONS.

SAMUEL LOOKED AT ELIAB, SON OF JESSE, AND SAID: "SURELY THIS IS THE CHOSEN ONE OF THE LORD."



BUT THE LORD SAID: "DO NOT LOOK AT HIS FACE OR HIS HEIGHT; HE IS NOT THE CHOSEN ONE. THE LORD DOES NOT SEE AS MAN DOES. MAN LOOKS AT THE OUTSIDE APPEARANCE BUT THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART."

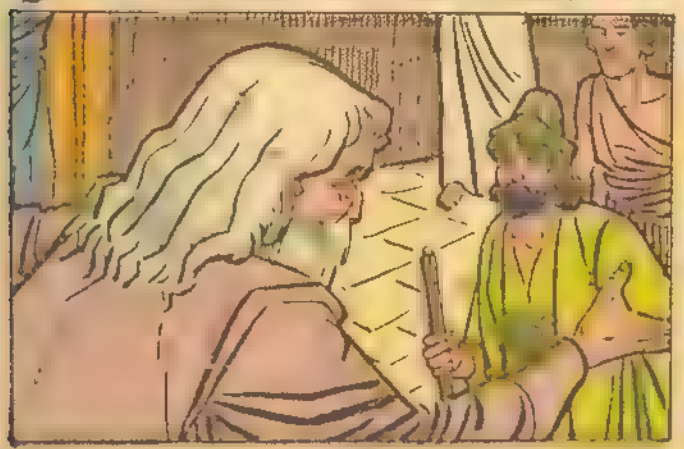


THEN THE OTHERS OF JESSE'S SONS PASSED BY SAMUEL, BUT ALL WERE REFUSED!

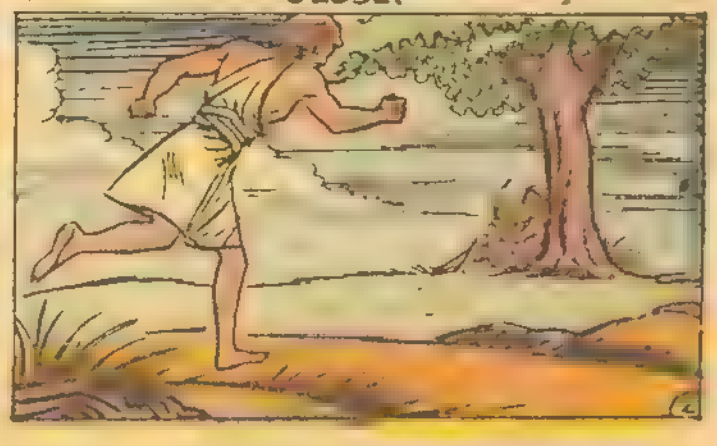
SAMUEL SAID TO JESSE: "ARE ALL YOUR CHILDREN HERE?"

JESSE ANSWERED: "NO, THERE IS STILL THE YOUNGEST WHO IS TENDING THE SHEEP."

"SEND FOR HIM," SAID SAMUEL, "FOR WE WILL NOT REST UNTIL HE COMES."



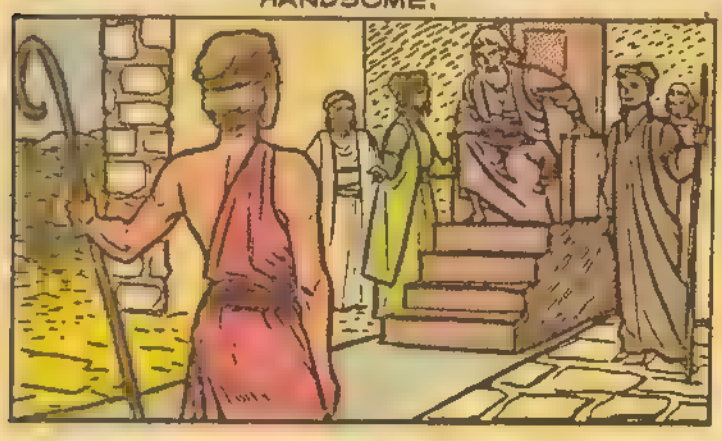
SO A MESSENGER WAS SENT FOR DAVID, THE SHEPHERD, YOUNGEST SON OF JESSE.



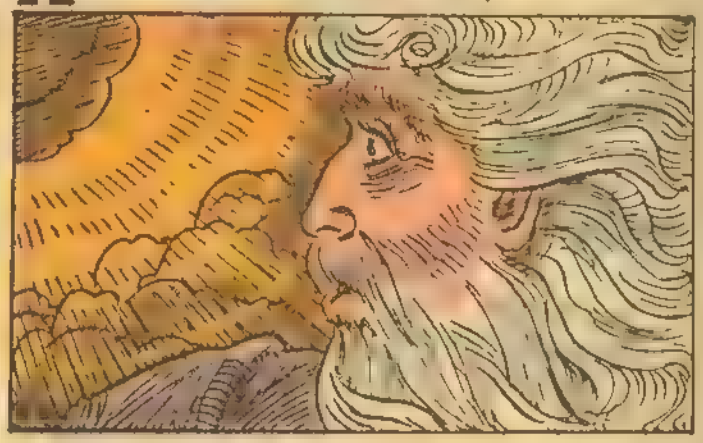
NOW, DAVID WAS IN THE FIELDS WITH THE SHEEP, SINGING THE PRAISES OF THE LORD GOD.

THE MESSENGER CAME TO HIM AND SAID, "COME, DAVID. SAMUEL HAS ASKED FOR YOU."

DAVID CAME BEFORE SAMUEL. THE SHEPHERD WAS A HEALTHY BOY AND HANDSOME.

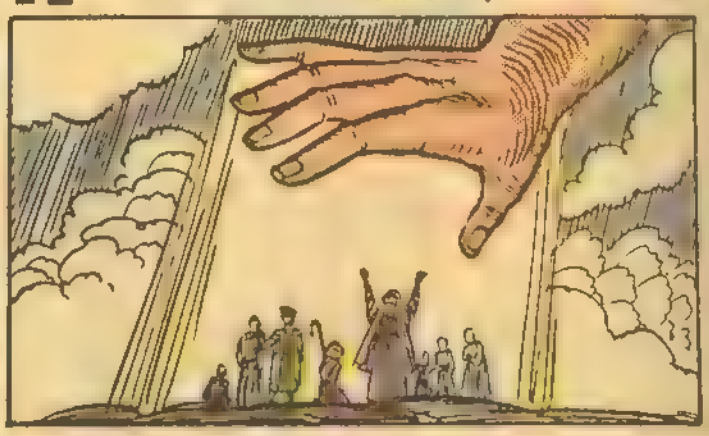


"ARISE," SAID THE LORD TO SAMUEL, "THIS IS MY CHOSEN ONE."

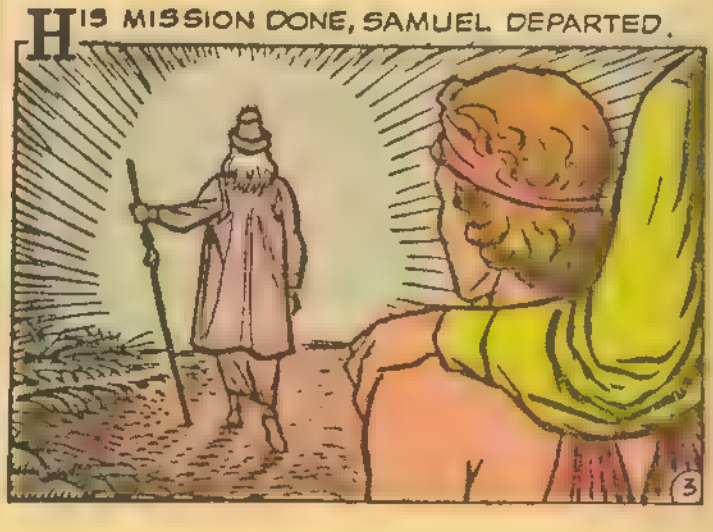


SO SAMUEL TOOK THE HORN OF OIL AND ANOINTED DAVID BEFORE ALL HIS BROTHERS.

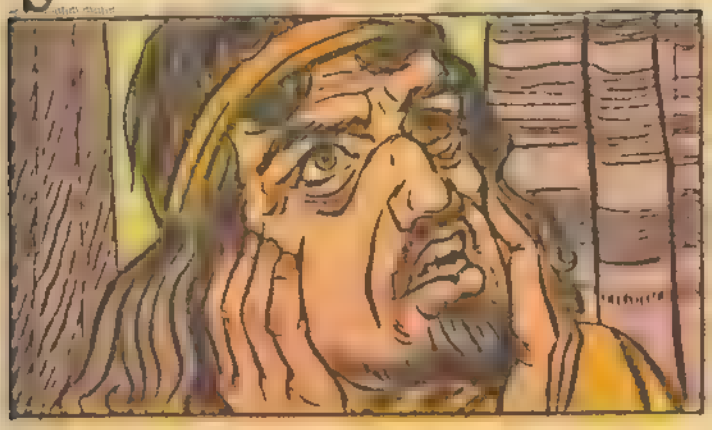
AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WAS UPON DAVID FROM THAT DAY.



HIS MISSION DONE, SAMUEL DEPARTED.



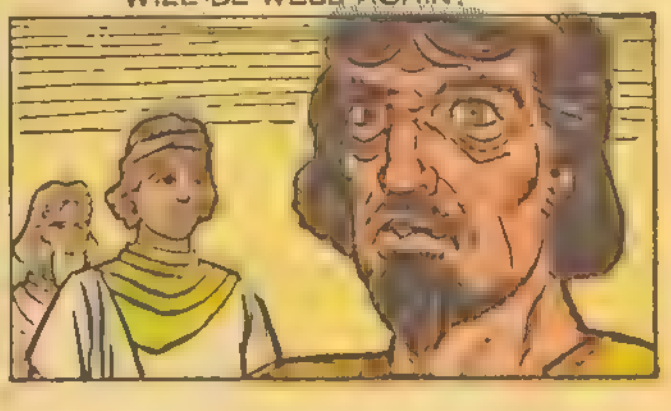
SAUL, THE KING, WAS TROUBLED AND DISTURBED.



THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD LEFT SAUL AND AN EVIL SPIRIT WAS WITH HIM.

HIS SERVANTS SAW THEIR KING SUFFER, AND MOURNED FOR HIM.

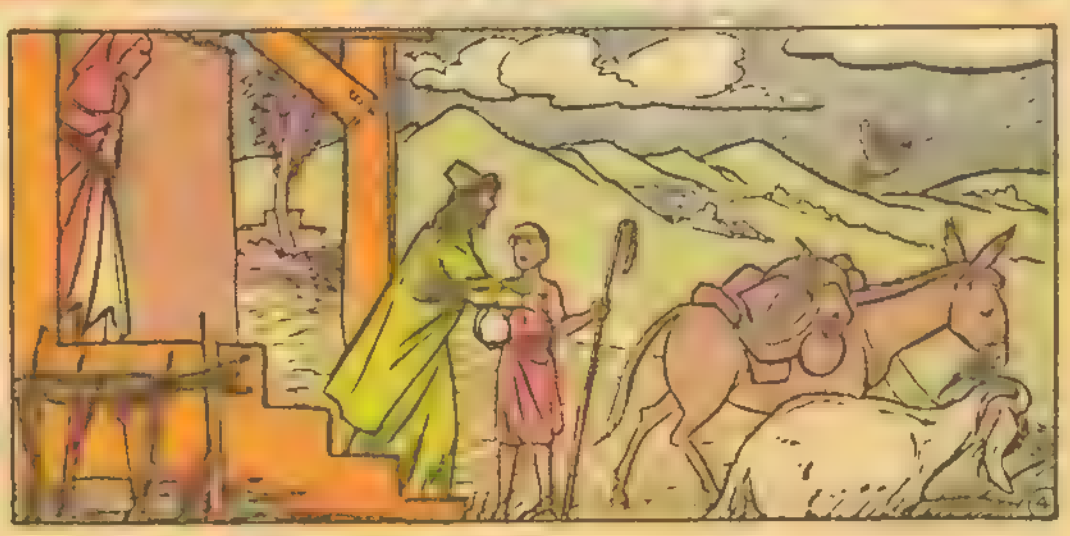
"LET US FIND SOMEONE TO SOOTHE YOU WITH MUSIC," THEY SAID "THEN THE EVIL SPIRIT WILL LEAVE YOU AND YOU WILL BE WELL AGAIN."



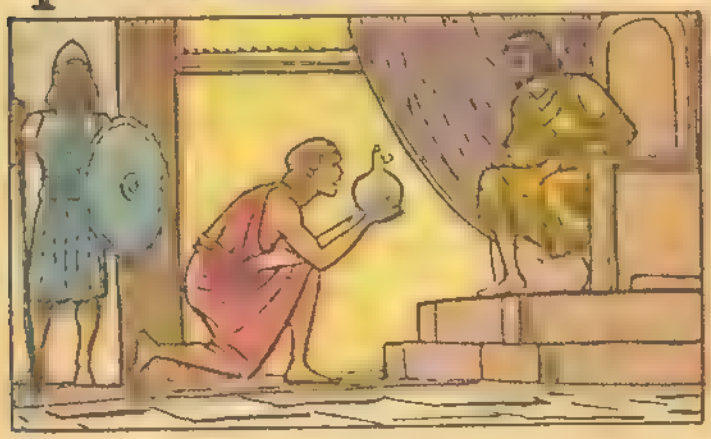
THEN THEY TOLD HIM ABOUT DAVID AND OF HOW HE PLAYED ON THE STRINGS OF THE HARP.

"LET HIM COME," SAID SAUL, "FOR I SUFFER WITH THE SPIRIT OF EVIL."

SO JESSE SENT HIS SON DAVID WITH FOOD, WINE AND A KID TO SAUL, THE KING.



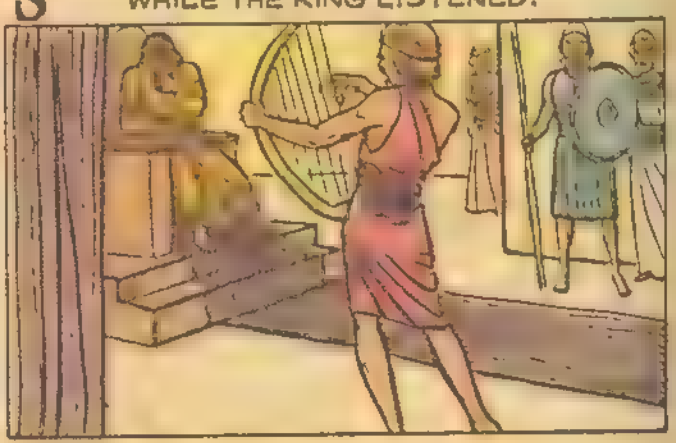
THEN DAVID APPEARED BEFORE THE KING AND SERVED HIM WELL.



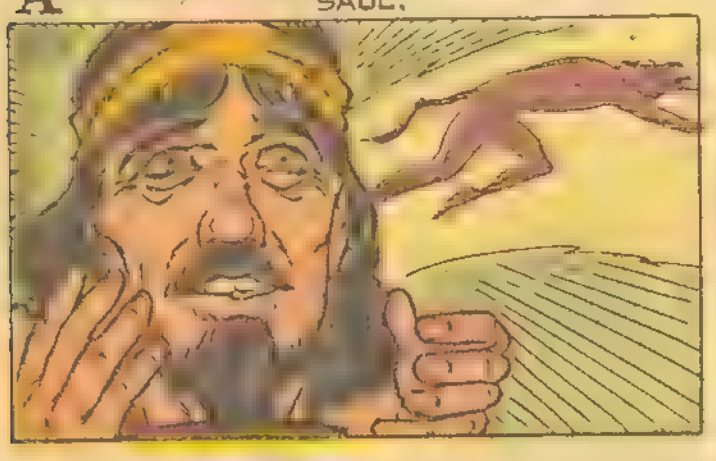
BUT THE EVIL SPIRIT WAS UPON SAUL AND HE SUFFERED IN AGONY.

"PLAY FOR ME," HE CRIED! "DRIVE THE EVIL SPIRIT AWAY."

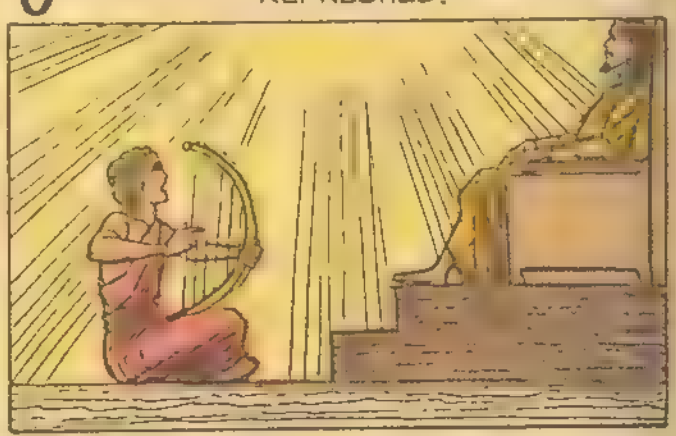
SO DAVID TOOK A HARP AND PLAYED IT WHILE THE KING LISTENED.



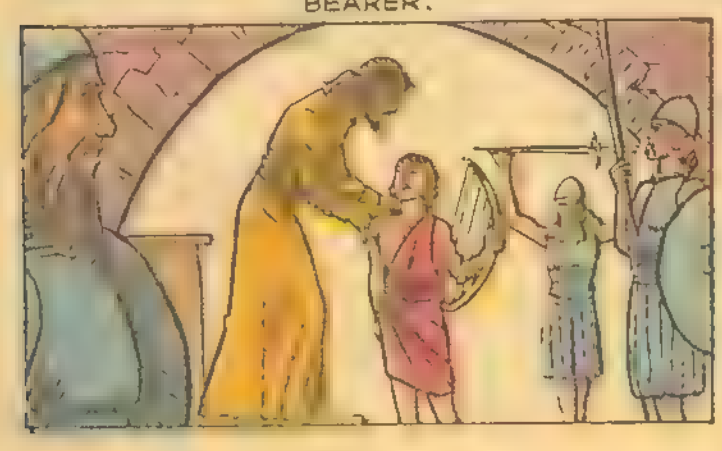
AND AS DAVID PLAYED, THE EVIL SPIRIT LEFT SAUL.



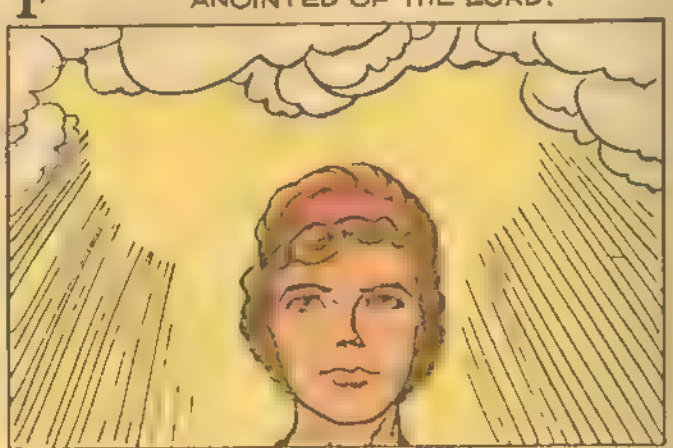
ONCE AGAIN THE KING WAS AT PEACE AND REFRESHED.

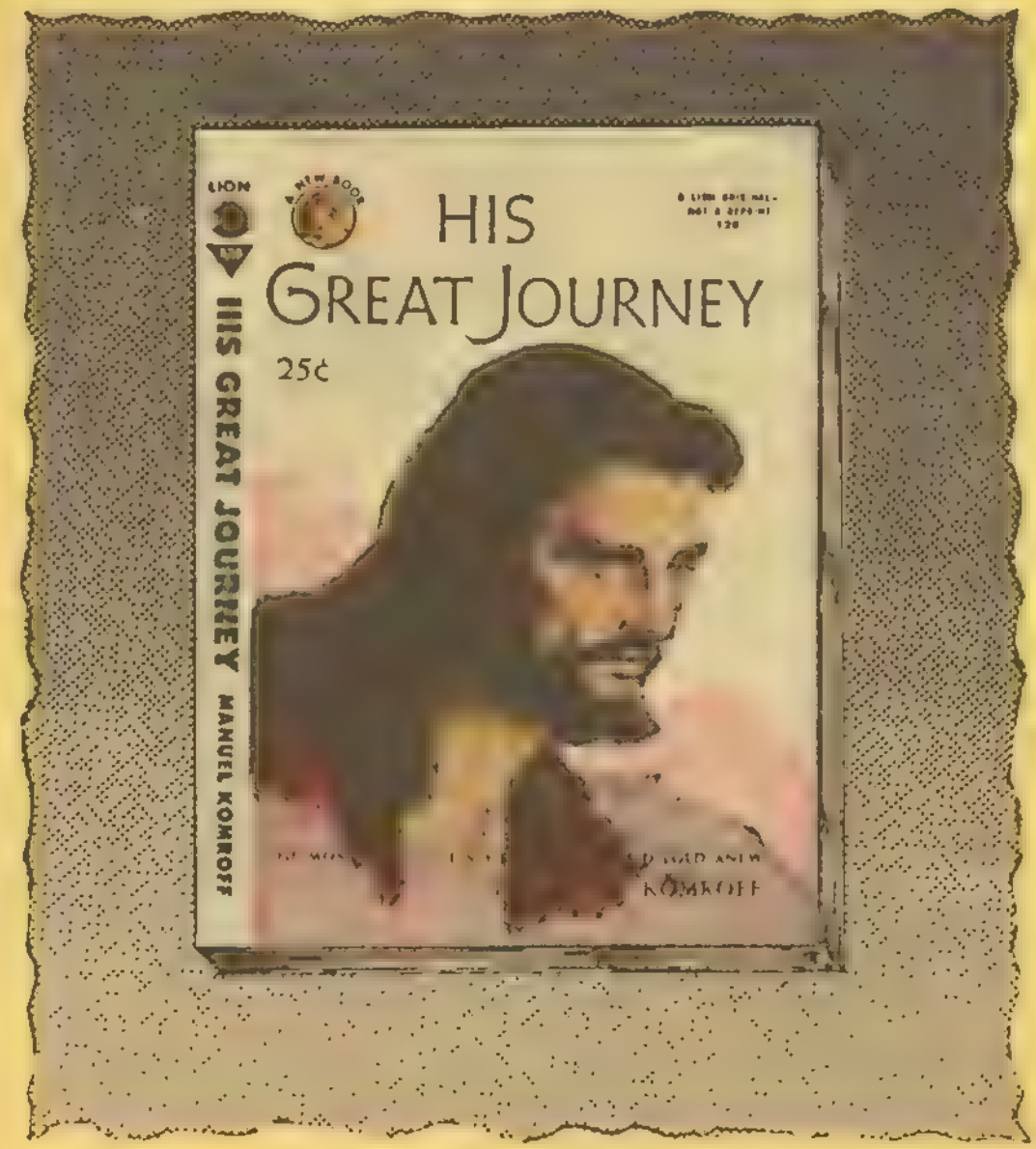


DAVID WAS GREATLY LOVED BY SAUL FOR THIS, AND WAS MADE THE KING'S ARMOR-BEARER.



FOR DAVID WAS THE CHOSEN ONE AND THE ANOINTED OF THE LORD!





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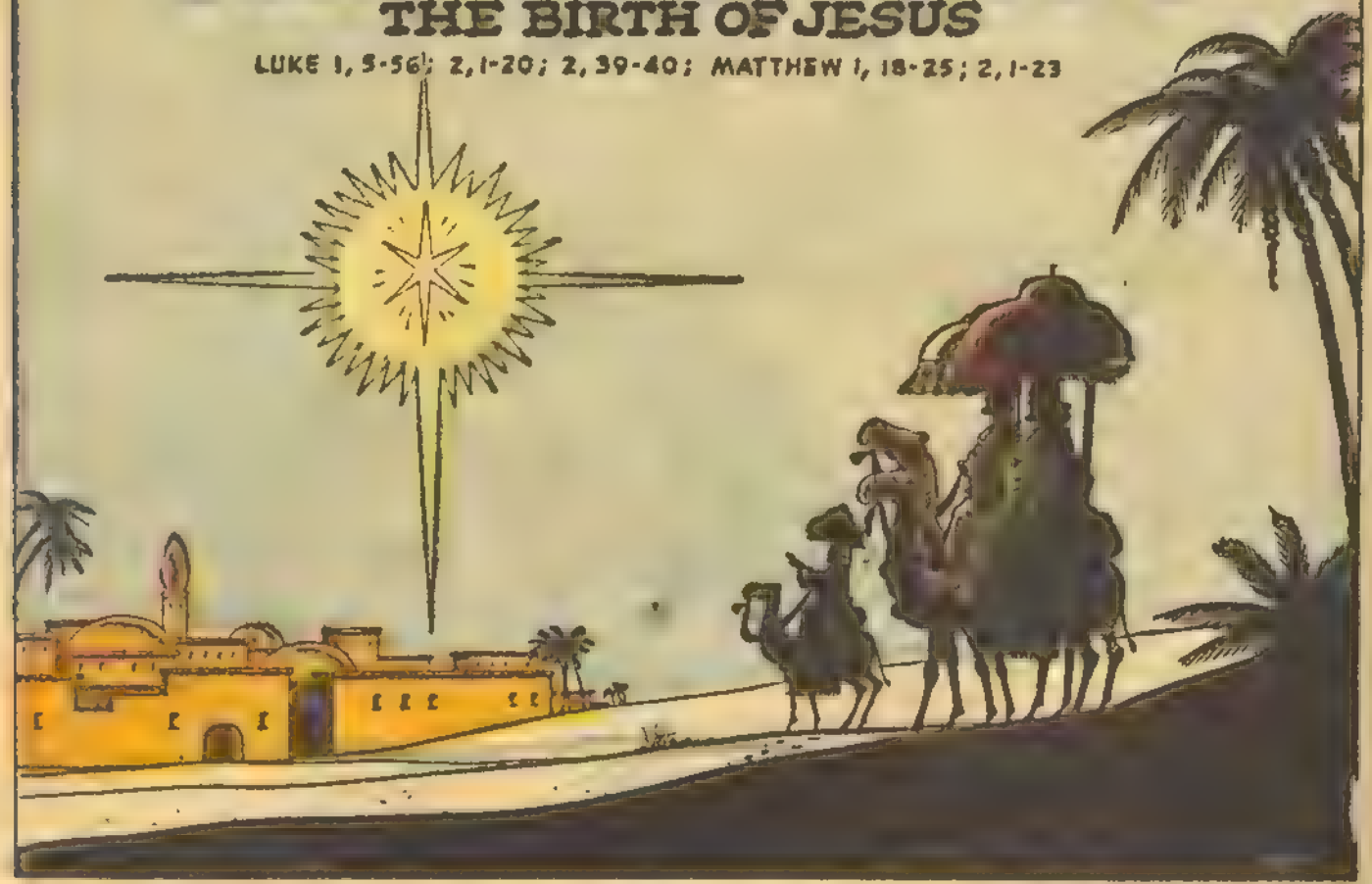
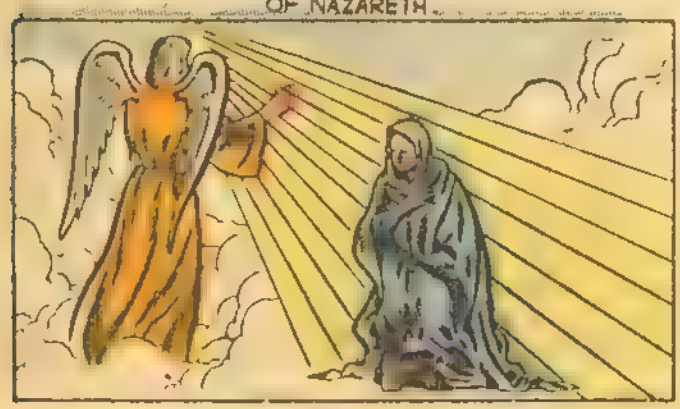
THE NATIVITY

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

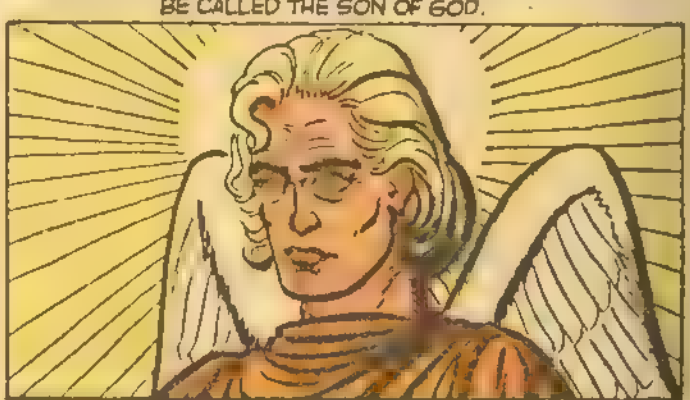
LUKE 1, 5-56; 2, 1-20; 2, 39-40; MATTHEW 1, 18-25; 2, 1-23



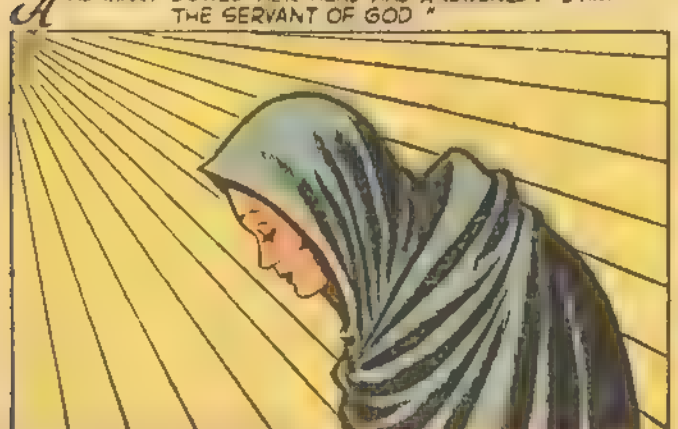
IT CAME TO PASS THAT THE ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARED BEFORE MARY WHO WAS ABOUT TO MARRY JOSEPH OF NAZARETH.



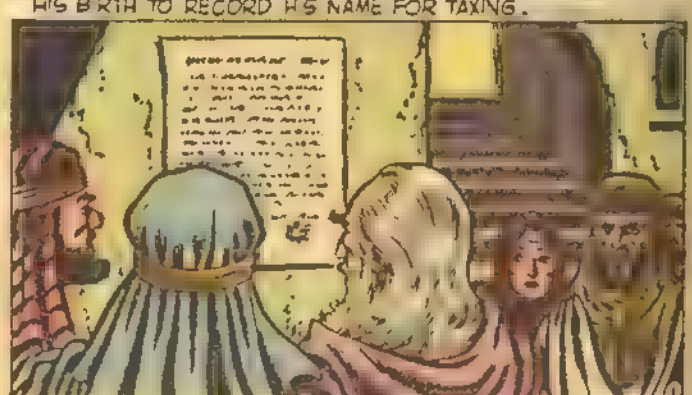
"YOU WILL BEAR A SON," SAID THE ANGEL. "THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU. THEREFORE THE HOLY CHILD SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD.



AND MARY BOWED HER HEAD AND ANSWERED: "I AM THE SERVANT OF GOD."

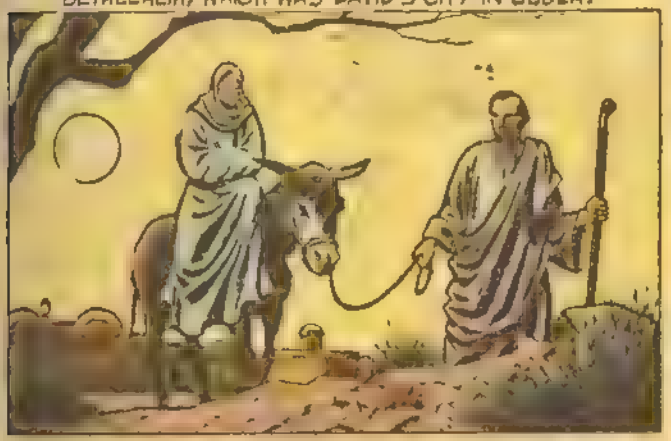


AFTER JOSEPH AND MARY WERE MARRIED, THE ROMAN EMPEROR ORDERED EACH MAN TO GO TO THE CITY OF HIS BIRTH TO RECORD HIS NAME FOR TAXING.



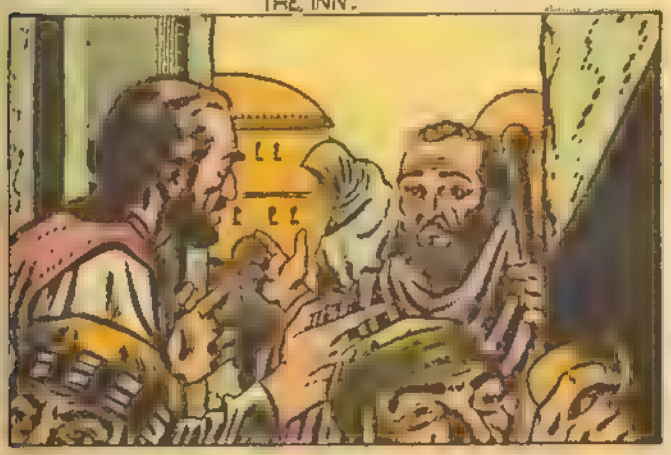
ART BY JOE WRIGHT

JOSEPH WAS OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID SO HE AND MARY HAD TO TRAVEL FROM NAZARETH, IN GALILEE, TO BETHLEHEM, WHICH WAS DAVID'S CITY IN JUDEA.



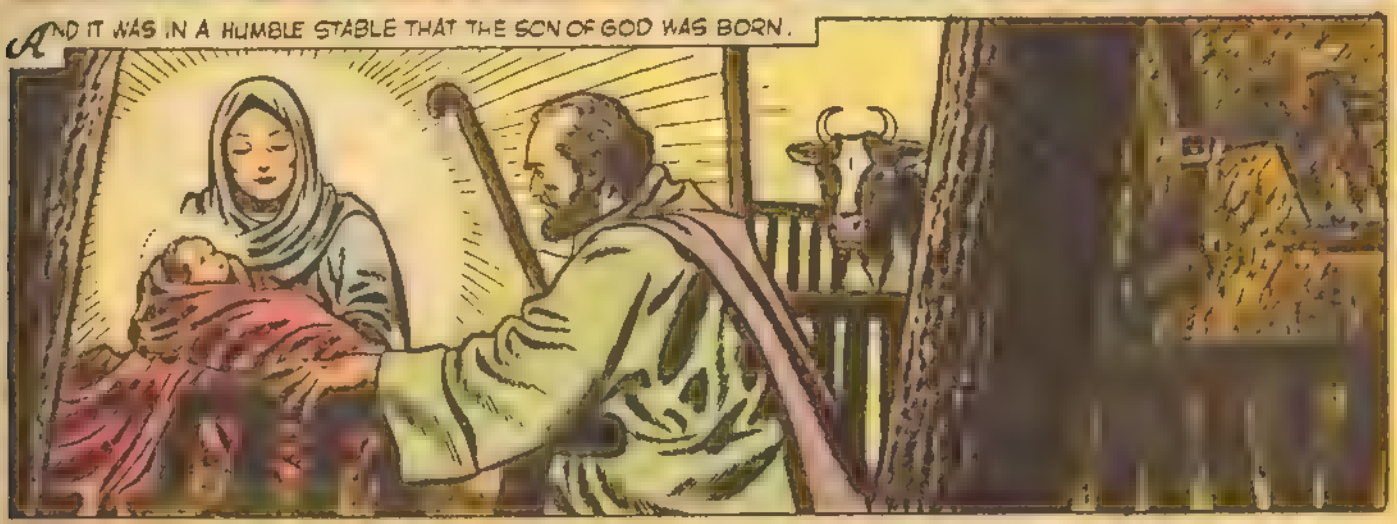
IT WAS NEARLY TIME FOR MARY'S CHILD TO BE BORN.

BUT WHEN THEY REACHED BETHLEHEM, THE CITY WAS CROWDED AND THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM AT THE INN.



THE INNKEEPER HAD PITY ON MARY AND GAVE THEM ROOM IN THE STABLE.

AND IT WAS IN A HUMBLE STABLE THAT THE SON OF GOD WAS BORN.



SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD WERE WATCHING OVER THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

LO, AN ANGEL CAME TO THEM AND SAID: "I BRING YOU TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY. A SAVIOR IS BORN WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD. YOU SHALL FIND THE BABE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, LYING IN A MANGER."

And suddenly a multitude of angels were in the heavens, saying:

Glory To God

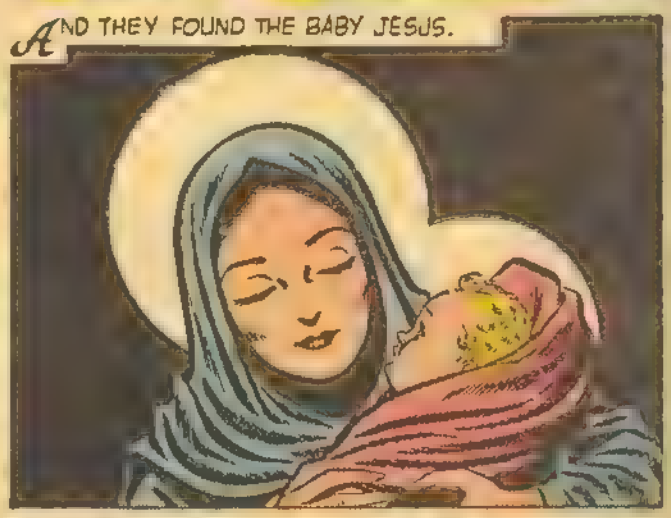
in the highest, and on earth

Peace,

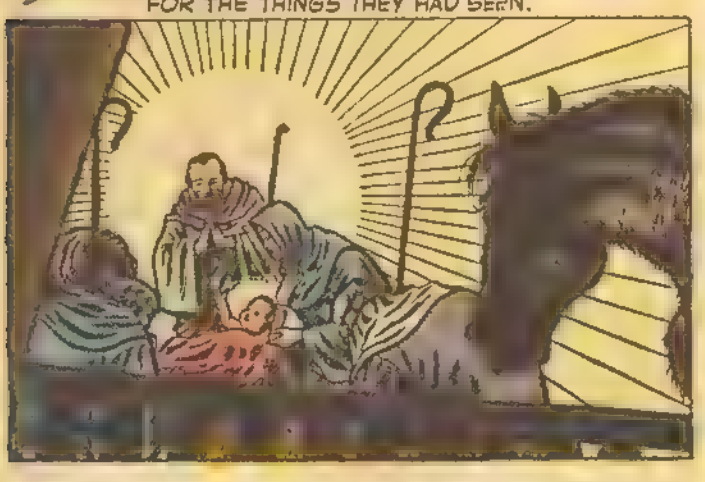
good will toward men.

The shepherds ran to the stable and found Mary and Joseph...

And they found the baby Jesus.



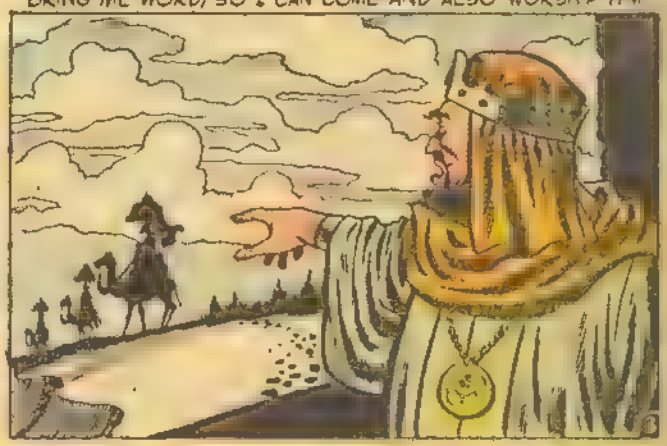
They bowed in worship, glorifying and praising God for the things they had seen.



Wise men in the east saw a brilliant star in the heaven and they knew that the Messiah had come.

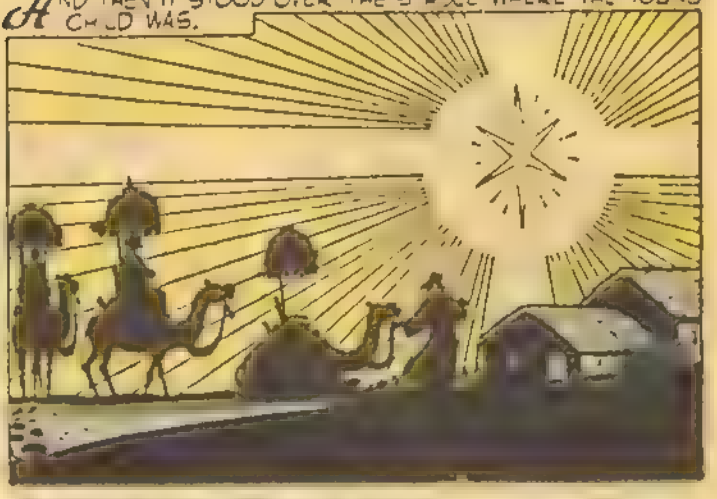
So they came to Herod the king to ask where was the child who was born king of the Jews, for they wished to worship him.

Herod questioned his priests and then sent the wise men to Bethlehem, saying: "When you find him, bring me word, so I can come and also worship him!"

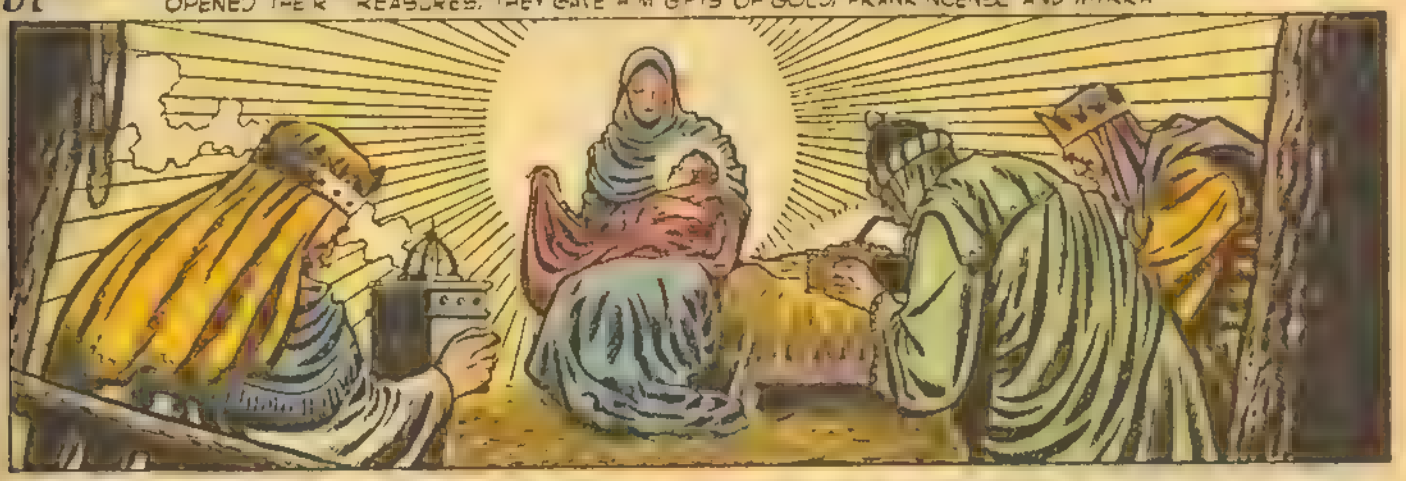


LO, AS THE WISE MEN SET OUT FOR BETHLEHEM, THE STAR THEY HAD SEEN IN THE EAST WENT BEFORE THEM, LEADING THE WAY.

AND THEN IT STOOD OVER THE STABLE WHERE THE YOUNG CHILD WAS.



AND WHEN THEY ENTERED, THEY SAW JESUS WITH MARY, HIS MOTHER AND BOWED DOWN IN WORSHIP. WHEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES, THEY GAVE HIM GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH



THE WISE MEN WERE WARNED BY AN ANGEL IN A DREAM, NOT TO RETURN TO HEROD BUT TO LEAVE IN ANOTHER WAY

THE ANGEL ALSO CAME TO JOSEPH AND SAID: "ARISE AND SEEK SAFETY IN EGYPT AND REMAIN THERE TILL I GIVE YOU WORD."

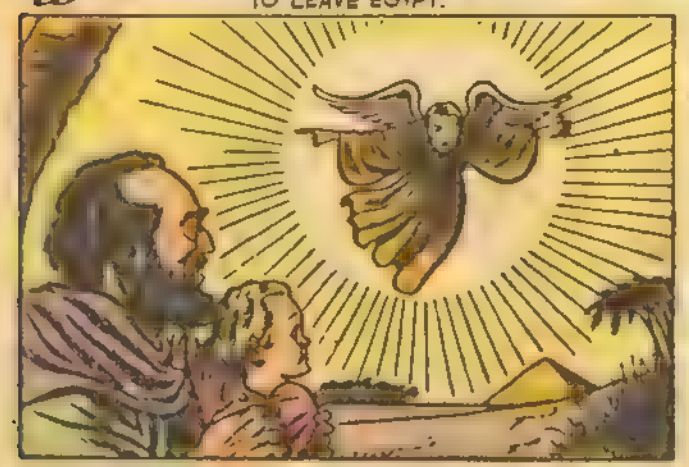
SO JOSEPH AND HIS FAMILY FLED INTO EGYPT.

HEROD FEARED THAT THE CHILD BORN KING OF THE JEWS WOULD TAKE HIS THRONE. SO HE ORDERED ALL CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF TWO YEARS TO BE KILLED.

THEN THERE WAS HEARD THE SOUND OF THE WEEPING OF PARENTS THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

BUT JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH WERE SAFELY IN EGYPT.

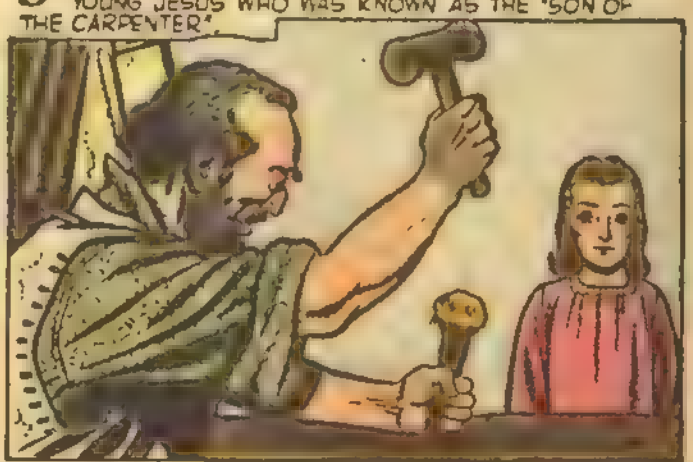
WHEN HEROD WAS DEAD, THE ANGEL TOLD JOSEPH TO LEAVE EGYPT.



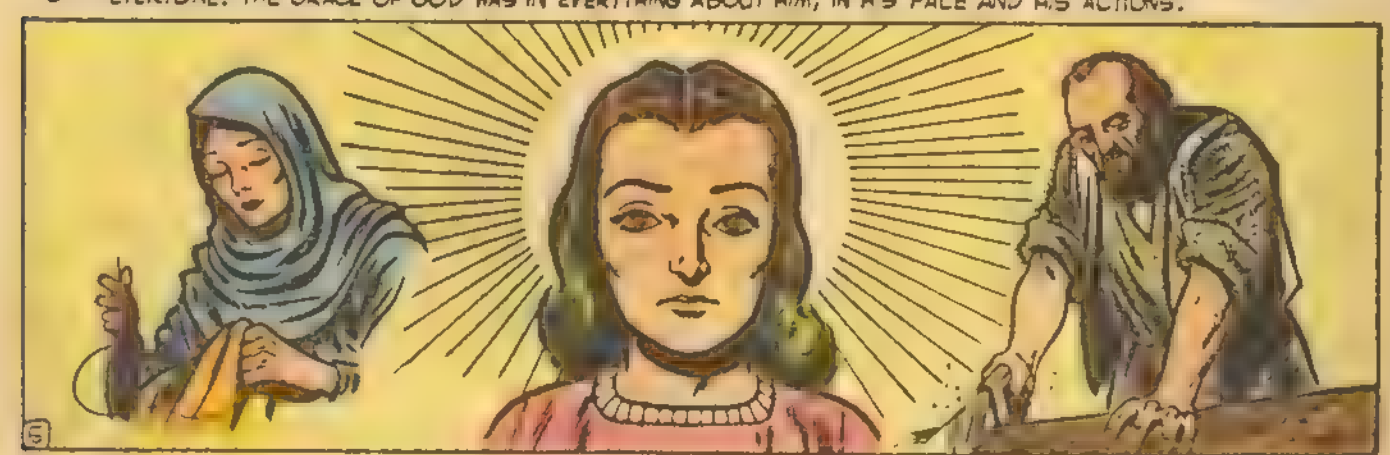
BUT JOSEPH FEARED THE NEW KING, ARCHELAUS, HEROD'S SON, WHO RULED IN JUDEA, SO HE WENT INSTEAD TO NAZARETH WHICH WAS IN GALILEE

SO JESUS GREW INTO BOYHOOD IN NAZARETH. FULFILLING THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS WHO SAID: "HE SHALL BE CALLED A NAZARENE."

JOSEPH WORKED AS A CARPENTER AND TAUGHT THE YOUNG JESUS WHO WAS KNOWN AS THE "SON OF THE CARPENTER."

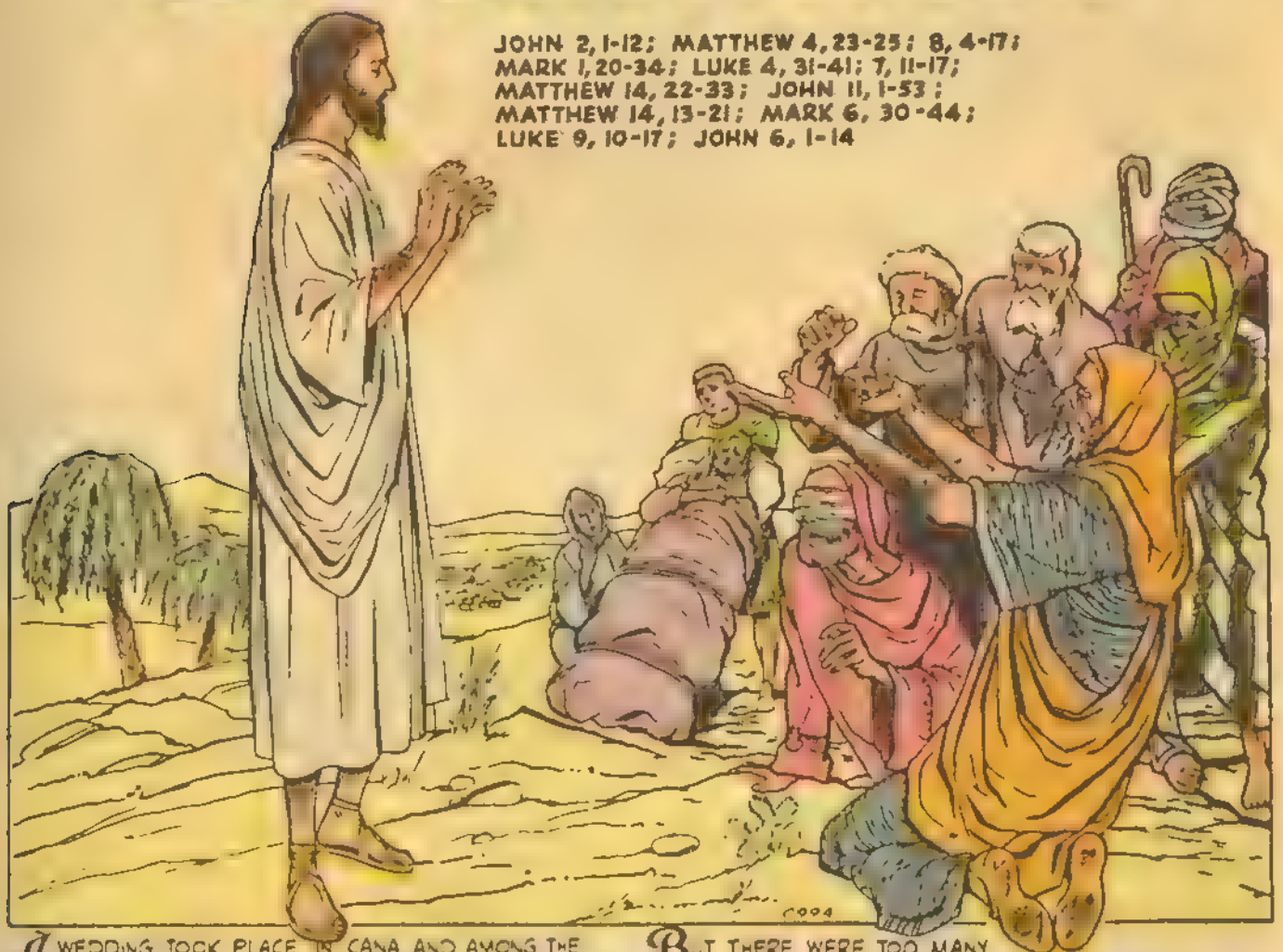


THUS JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN ON THE HOLY DAY OF **Christmas** AND GREW INTO BOYHOOD LOVED BY EVERYONE. THE GRACE OF GOD WAS IN EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM, IN HIS FACE AND HIS ACTIONS.



The Miracles

JOHN 2, 1-12; MATTHEW 4, 23-25; 8, 4-17; MARK 1, 20-34; LUKE 4, 31-41; 7, 11-17; MATTHEW 14, 22-33; JOHN 11, 1-53; MATTHEW 14, 13-21; MARK 6, 30-44; LUKE 9, 10-17; JOHN 6, 1-14

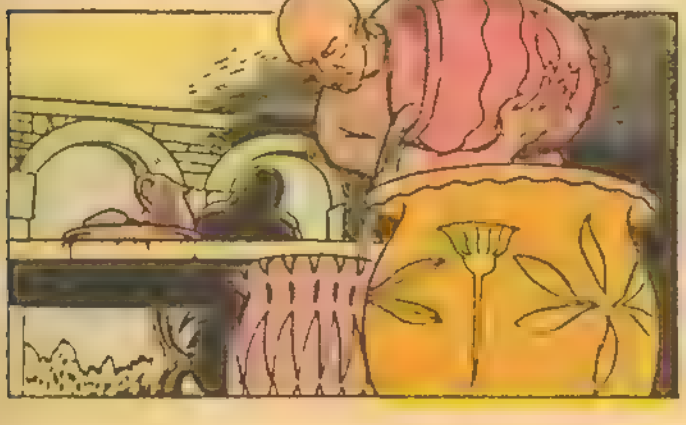


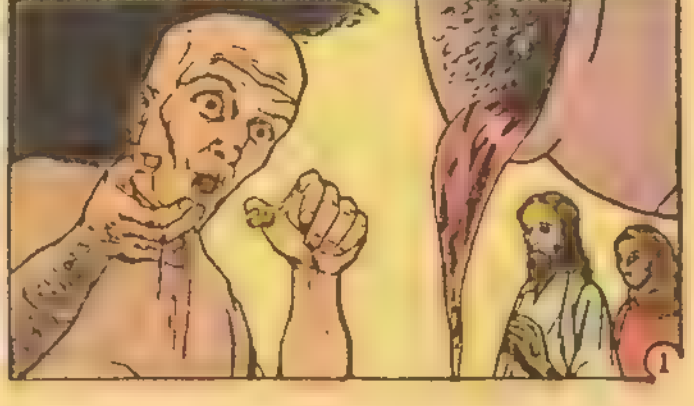
A WEDDING TOOK PLACE IN CANA, AND AMONG THE GUESTS WERE MARY, JESUS, AND HIS DISCIPLES.

BUT THERE WERE TOO MANY GUESTS, AND MARY SAID TO JESUS: "THERE IS NO MORE WINE."

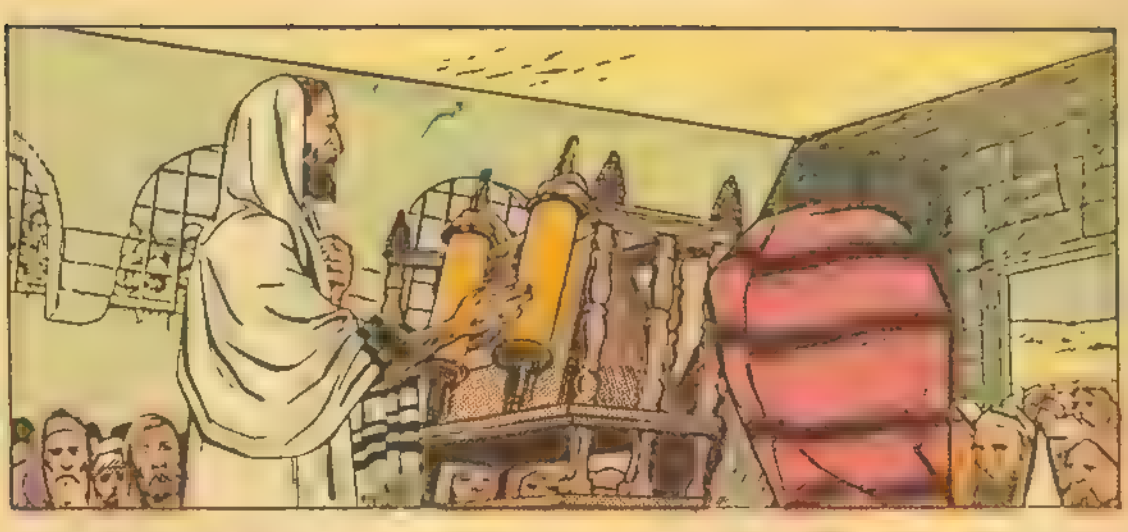
JESUS SAID TO THE SERVANTS: "FILL THESE URNS WITH WATER." AND THEY WERE FILLED TO THE BRIM.

AND WHEN THE SERVANTS POURED THE WATER, THEY FOUND THAT IT WAS WINE. THIS WAS THE FIRST OF THE MIRACLES OF JESUS.

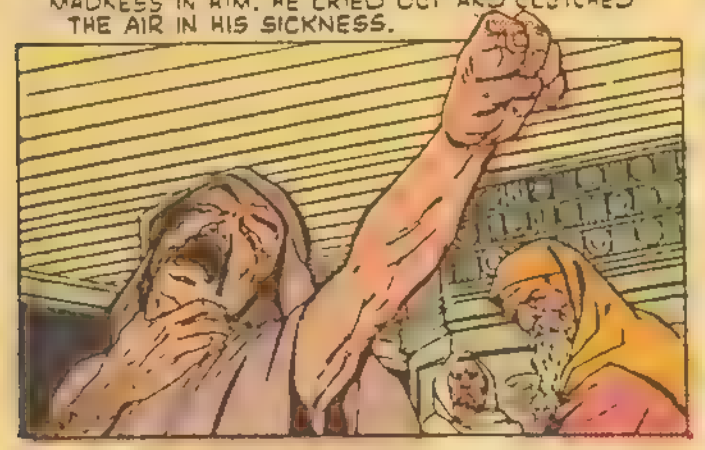




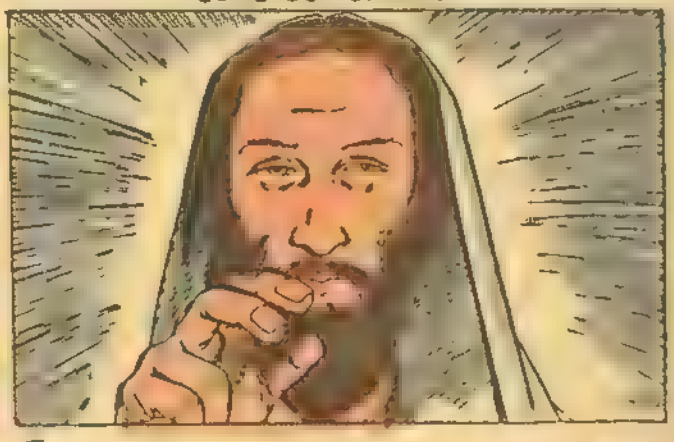
On the Sabbath, Jesus taught in the synagogue. Great crowds came from near and far to listen to the words of mercy from the teacher.



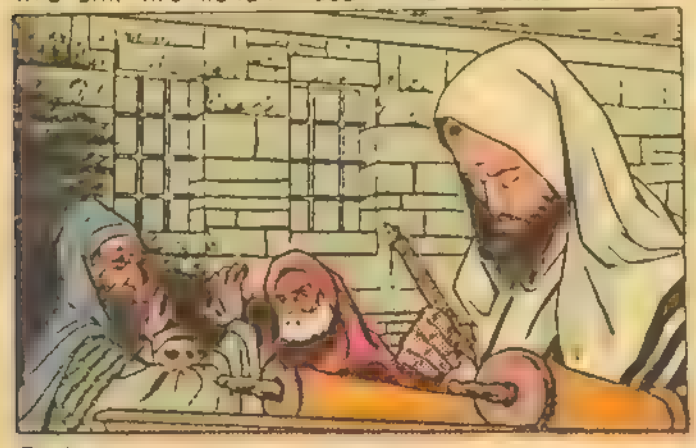
Among these was a man with the spirits of madness in him. He cried out and clutched the air in his sickness.



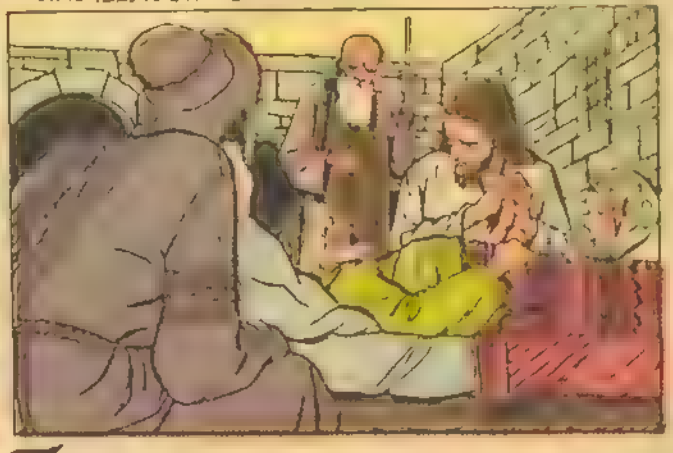
Jesus said to the spirit of madness: "Silence! Come out of him!"



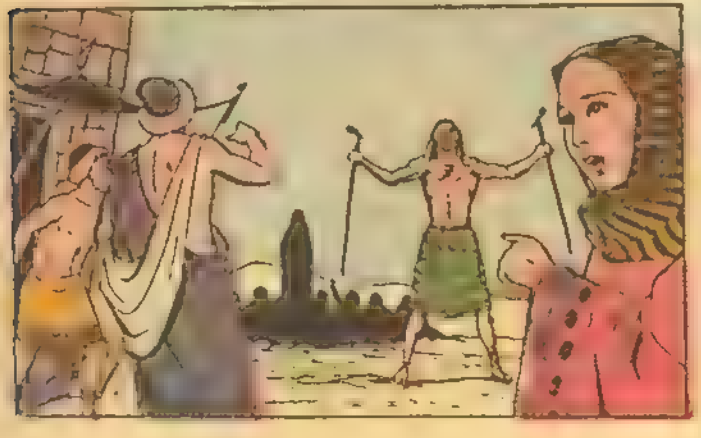
And the man was well again. Once more those who saw this were amazed at the wonders of Jesus.



Jesus, knowing that the mother of Peter's wife was ill, took her hand and the fever left her.

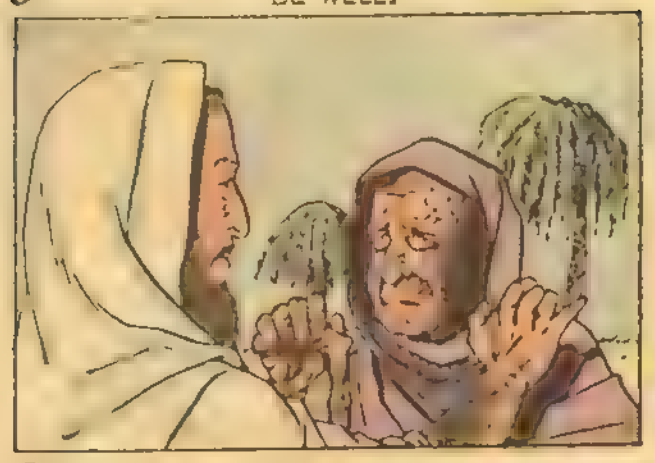


More crowds came to him, people who were sick in mind and body, all having faith that Jesus would cure them, and he did.



There came a leper, who said: "If you will, you can make me well."

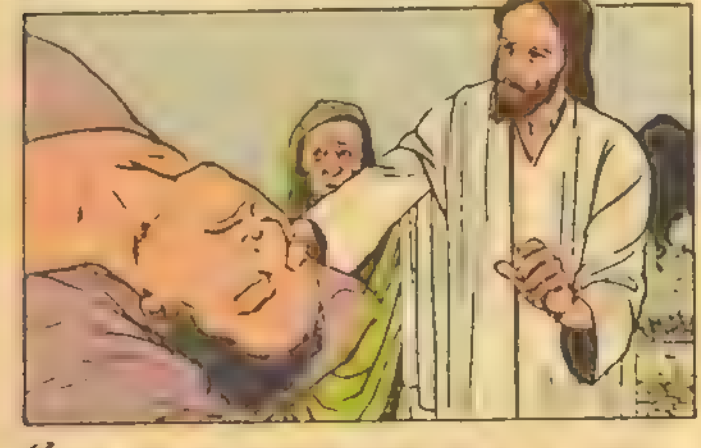
JESUS TOUCHED THE LEPER. "I WILL," HE SAID. "BE WELL."



"BEHOLD!" CRIED THE MAN. "I AM WHOLE AGAIN." "TELL NO MAN OF THIS," SAID JESUS.

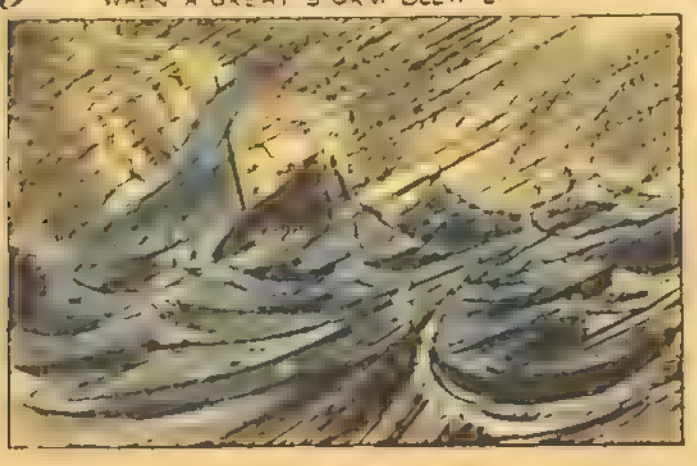
NEAR THE CITY GATES OF NAIN, JESUS SAW THE BODY OF A YOUNG MAN BEING CARRIED AWAY TO BE BURIED. "DO NOT WEEP," SAID JESUS TO THE GRIEVING MOTHER. "WHY SHALL I NOT WEEP?" CRIED THE MOTHER. "HE WAS MY ONLY CHILD AND NOW I HAVE NOTHING."

JESUS TOUCHED THE STRETCHER. "YOUNG MAN," HE CRIED, "I SAY UNTO YOU... ***ARISE***!"



AND THE DEAD MAN SAT UP AND SPOKE.

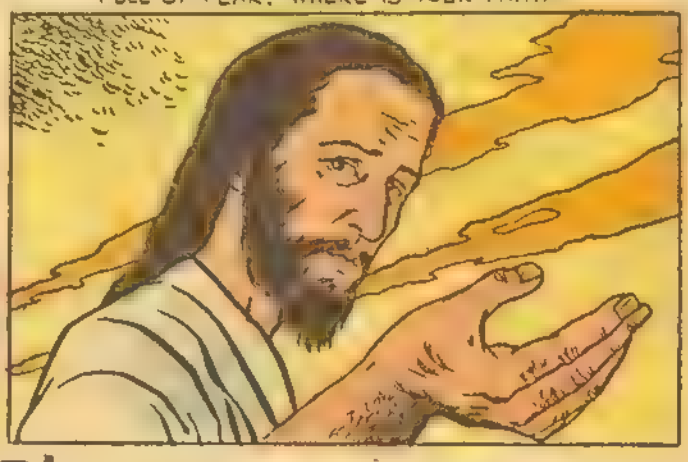
JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE AT SEA IN A BOAT WHEN A GREAT STORM BLEW UP



THE DISCIPLES CAME TO JESUS WHO WAS SLEEPING AND CRIED: "LORD, SAVE US OR WE PERISH."

JESUS CRIED TO THE ANGRY WAVES: "PEACE! BE STILL!" THERE WAS A GREAT CALM.

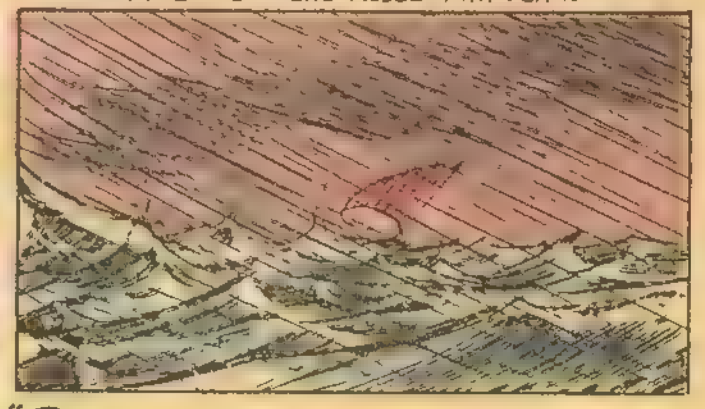
TURNING TO HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID: "WHY ARE YOU SO FULL OF FEAR? WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?"



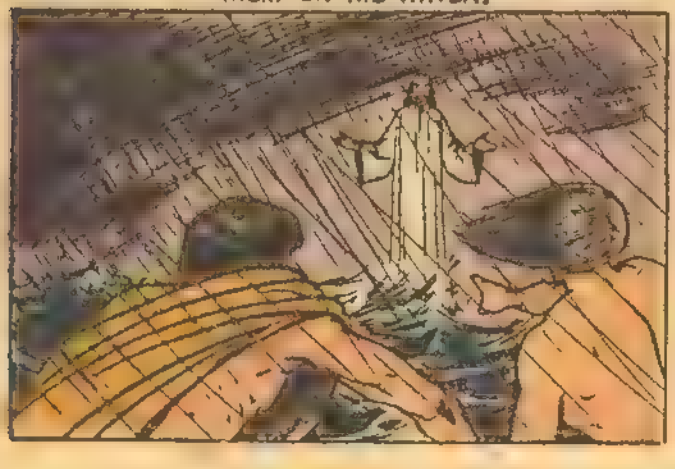
THERE CAME A TIME WHEN A HUGE MULTITUDE CAME TO LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF JESUS. THERE WERE ONLY FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISHES TO FEED THEM.

AND JESUS BLESSED THE LOAVES AND FISHES AND GAVE THANKS. THEN HE ORDERED THEM FED TO THE 5000 AND THE FOOD WAS MULTIPLIED TO FEED THEM ALL AND MORE.

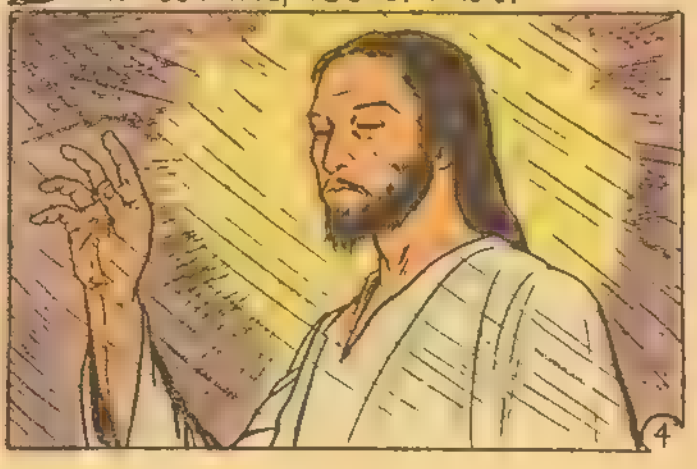
ONCE MORE HIS DISCIPLES WERE AT SEA WHEN A GREAT STORM CAME UP. JESUS WAS NOT WITH THEM AND THEY WERE FILLED WITH FEAR.



IN THE DARKNESS THEY SAW JESUS WALKING TOWARD THEM ON THE WATER.

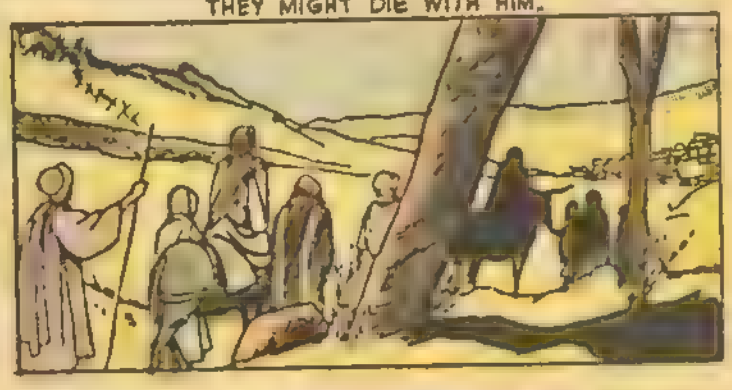


"DO NOT BE AFRAID," HE SAID. "IT IS I."



A MESSENGER CAME TO JESUS, SAYING, "LAZARUS, WHOM YOU LOVE, IS ILL AND DYING IN BETHANY."

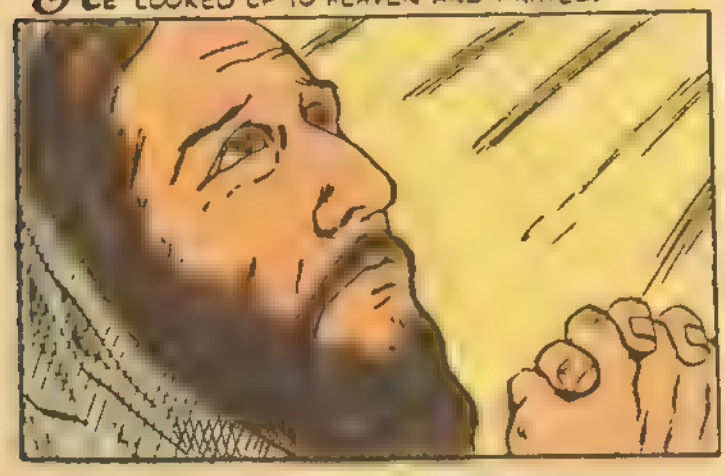
NOW BETHANY WAS IN JUDEA AND THERE WERE THOSE THERE WHO HAD TRIED TO STONE JESUS. WHEN HE SAID, "LAZARUS SLEEPS, BUT I WILL AWAKEN HIM. LET US GO TO JUDEA," HIS DISCIPLES WENT WITH HIM SO THAT THEY MIGHT DIE WITH HIM.



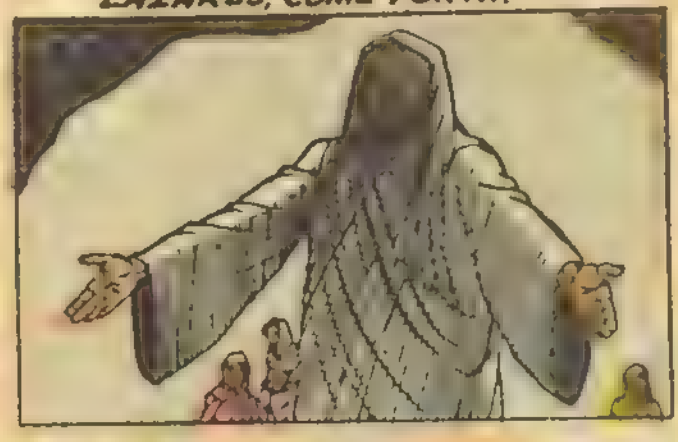
WHEN JESUS CAME TO BETHANY, MARTHA CAME TO HIM WEEPING, "LORD, OUR BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE." JESUS REPLIED, I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE."

JESUS CAME TO THE GRAVE OF LAZARUS AND ORDERED THE STONE ROLLED AWAY FROM THE ENTRANCE.

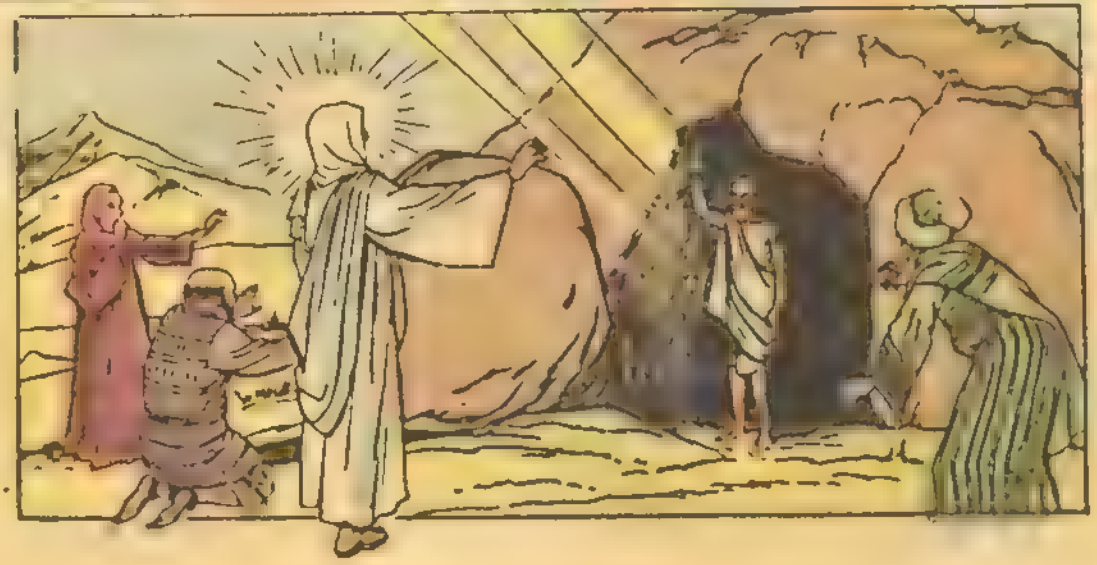
HE LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN AND PRAYED.



THEN JESUS CALLED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE: "LAZARUS, COME FORTH!"



AND LAZARUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND THOSE WHO SAW THE MIRACLE BELIEVED THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH AS PROMISED BY THE PROPHETS OF ANCIENT TIMES.



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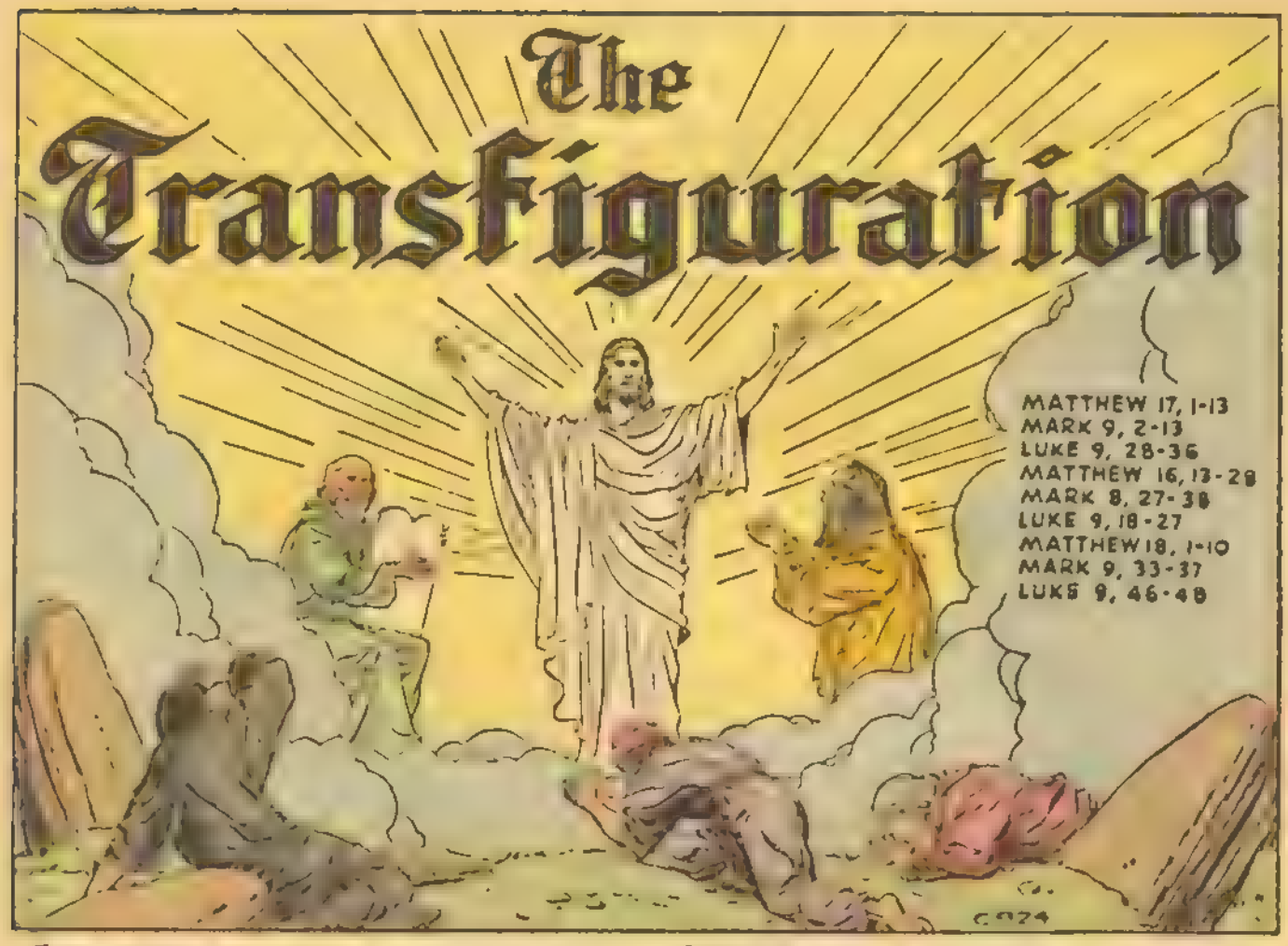
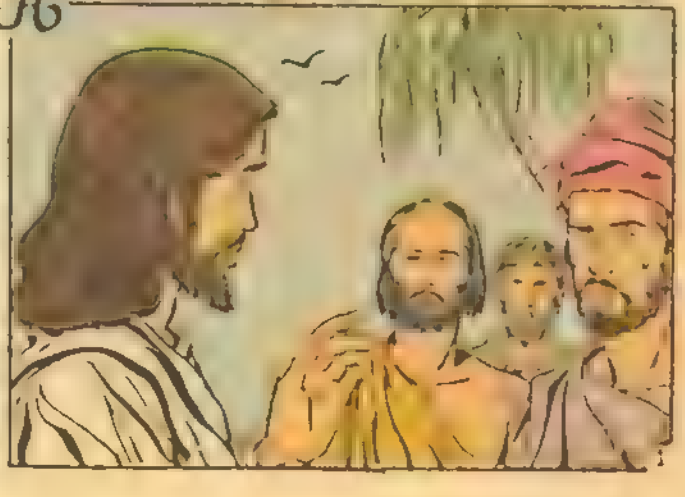


JESUS BROUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO THE COAST OF CAESAREA PHILIPPI ON HIS JOURNEY TO TEACH THEM THE MEANING OF THE BIRTH OF THE SON OF GOD

THERE HE ASKED OF THEM: "WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM?"

THEY REPLIED "SOME SAY YOU ARE JOHN THE BAPTIST, SOME SAY YOU ARE ELIAS; OTHERS SAY YOU ARE JEREMIAS OR ONE OF THE PROPHETS."

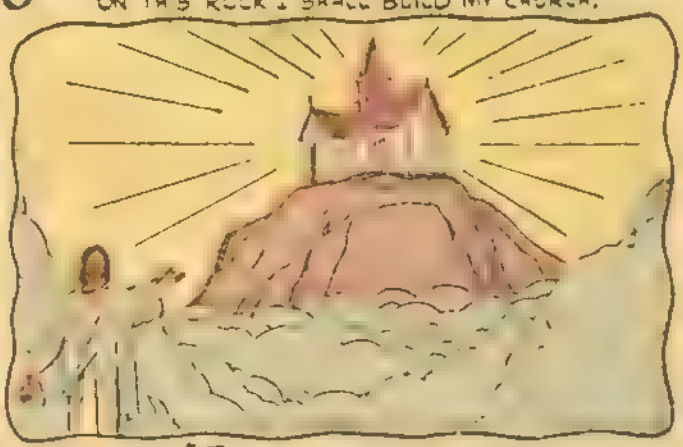
AND JESUS SAID: "BUT WHO DO *YOU* SAY THAT I AM?"



SIMON PETER ANSWERED, SAYING: "YOU ARE THE CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

AND JESUS SAID: "YOU ARE BLESSED, FOR THE TRUTH WAS REVEALED TO YOU BY MY FATHER, WHO IS IN HEAVEN."

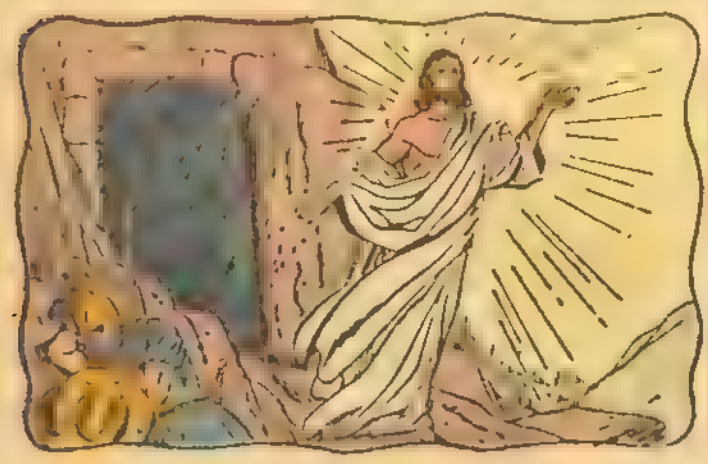
"I SAY TO YOU THAT YOU ARE PETER, THE ROCK, AND ON THIS ROCK I SHALL BUILD MY CHURCH."



"I COMMAND YOU TO TELL NO ONE WHO I AM, FOR I MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS. I SHALL BE REJECTED BY THE ELDERS, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE SCRIBES."

"I SHALL BE SLAIN."

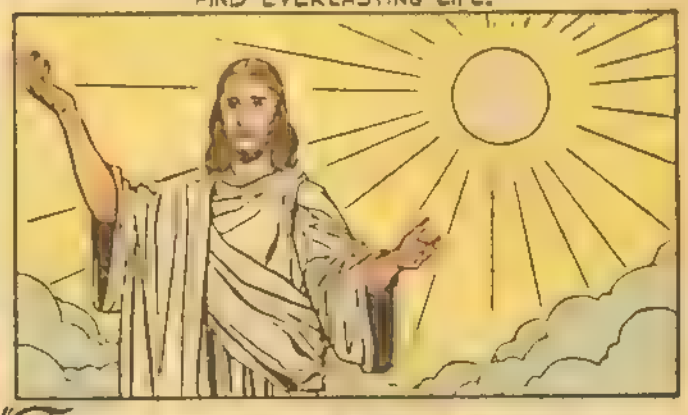
AND I SHALL RISE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY."



HIS DISCIPLES CRIED OUT AND PETER SAID: "THESE THINGS CANNOT HAPPEN TO YOU, LORD."

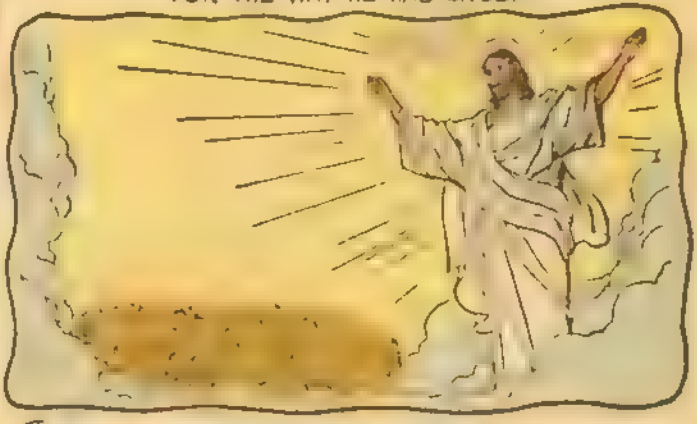
BUT JESUS SAID TO PETER: "GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN. YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE THINGS OF GOD, BUT ONLY THE THINGS OF MAN."

THEN JESUS SAID: "IF ANY MAN WANTS TO COME WITH ME, LET HIM TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW. WHOEVER WILL LOSE HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND EVERLASTING LIFE."



"FOR WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE WINS THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSES HIS SOUL?"

"THE SON OF MAN SHALL COME INTO THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER, AND THEN HE SHALL REWARD EVERY MAN FOR THE WAY HE HAS LIVED."



SO THE LORD PREACHED TO HIS DISCIPLES AND TAUGHT THEM MANY THINGS.

ON THE SIXTH DAY, JESUS TOOK PETER, JAMES AND JOHN UP TO A MOUNTAIN.

AND THERE THEY PRAYED.

"BEHOLD," THEY CRIED. "HIS FACE SHINES LIKE THE SUN."

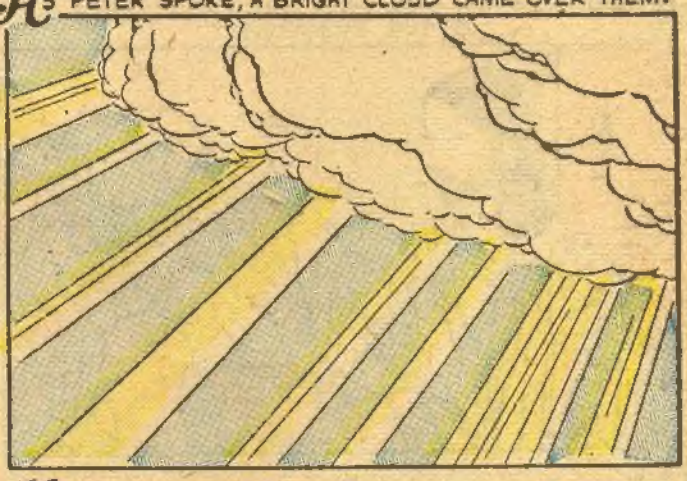
A HOLY LIGHT SHONE UPON JESUS AND HIS CLOTHING WAS WHITE.

THE DISCIPLES BOWED BEFORE THE MAGNIFICENT SIGHT.

AND BEHOLD, MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED BESIDE JESUS AS HE WAS TRANSFIGURED.

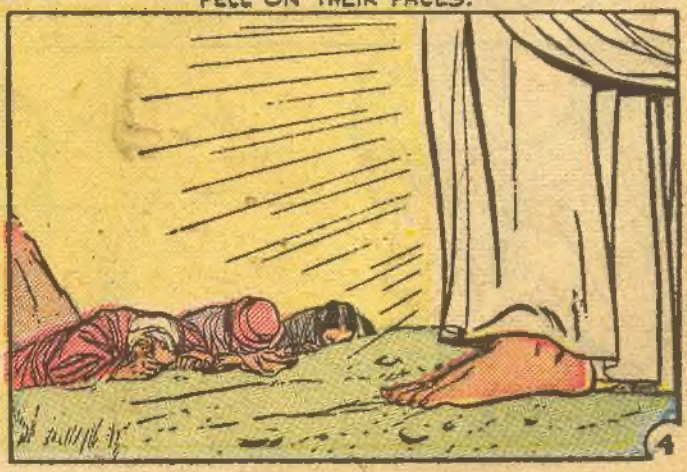
PETER SAID, "LORD, MAKE US THREE TABERNACLES. ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOSES AND ONE FOR ELIJAH.

AS PETER SPOKE, A BRIGHT CLOUD CAME OVER THEM.



AND A VOICE SAID: "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED. LISTEN TO HIM."

HEARING THIS, THE DISCIPLES WERE AFRAID AND THEY FELL ON THEIR FACES.



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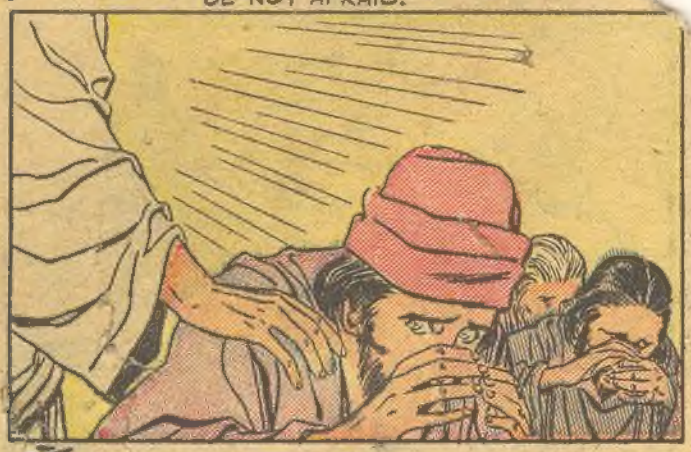

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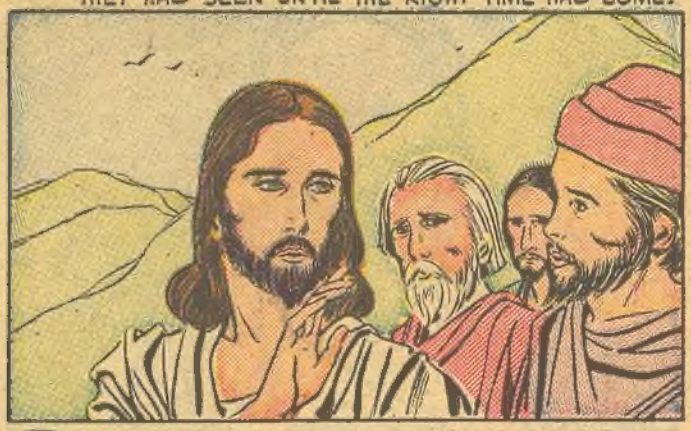
AS THEY CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, JESUS TOLD THEM NOT TO REVEAL TO ANYONE THE VISION THEY HAD SEEN UNTIL THE RIGHT TIME HAD COME.



THEN JESUS AND HIS FOLLOWERS WENT TO GALILEE. ON THE WAY, THE DISCIPLES ARGUED AS TO WHICH OF THEM WOULD BE THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

JESUS SAID: "IF ANY OF YOU WANT TO BE THE GREATEST IN HEAVEN, YOU MUST FIRST HUMBLE YOURSELF AND SERVE EVERYONE."

AND JESUS CALLED A LITTLE CHILD TO HIM.

"UNLESS YOU BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN," SAID JESUS, "YOU SHALL NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. WHOEVER IS AS HUMBLE AND SIMPLE AS THIS LITTLE CHILD SHALL BE THE GREATEST IN HEAVEN. AND WHOEVER RECEIVES SUCH A CHILD IN MY NAME RECEIVES ME, TOO." AND THUS JESUS TAUGHT HIS FOLLOWERS THE MEANING OF HIS COMING.

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I

1 A[illegible] GOD. THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS

II

THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN; FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTLESS THAT TAKETH HIS NAME IN VAIN.

III

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.

IV

HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER, THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

V

THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

VI

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

VII

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

VIII

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.

IX

THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE.

X

THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, NOR HIS MAN-SERVANT, NOR HIS MAID-SERVANT, NOR HIS OX, NOR HIS ASS, NOR ANYTHING THAT IS THY NEIGHBOR'S.

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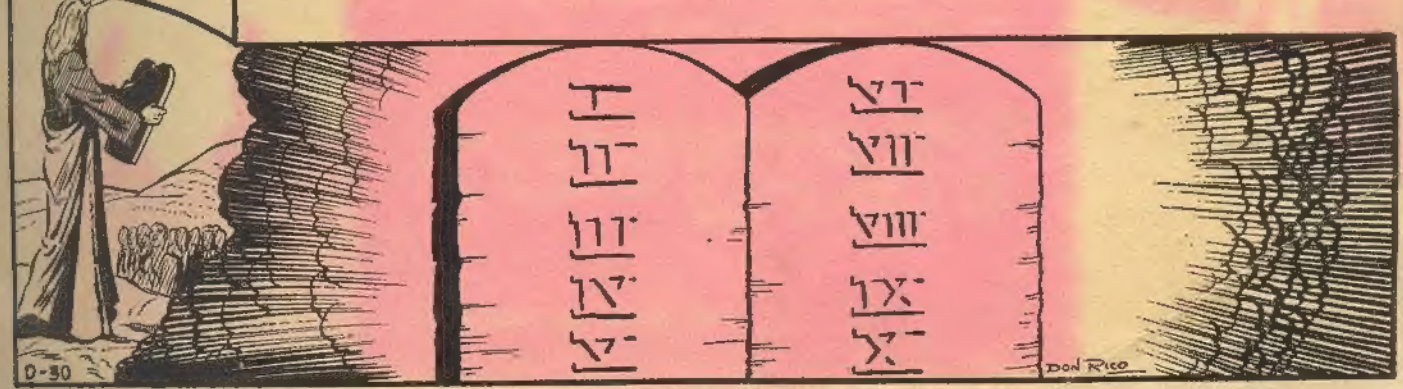

The Psalms of David

The 23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT;
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES;
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS;
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL;
HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.

THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES; THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNNETH OVER.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE; AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.

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